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REPORTS.

OF THE

Ms. Allen

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 8, 1887.

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1887.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1886.

Town Clerk and Treasurer.

HENRY F. BROWN.

Selectmen.

MOSES H. BAKER,

DAVID W. JANES.

FRANK R. NEWTON,

Assessors.

SAMUEL W. BROWN,

GEORGE W. SHERMAN.

JOHN SHANLY,

Overseers of Poor.

PORTER A. PARKER,

JAMES S. BLAIR,*

FRANCIS E. COOK,

SANFORD BOOTH.

School Committee.

THOMAS J. MORGAN,

LOUIS S. BROWN.

NEWTON S. HUBBARD,

Road Commissioners.

JOHN C. SPRING,

NEWTON S. HUBBARD.

MOSES H. BAKER,

Fence Viewers.

SAMUEL W. BROWN,

EDWIN A. JANES.

EDWIN B. WEBBER,

Constables.

FRANCIS E. COOK,

GEORGE W. POWERS.

WM. H. LOMBARD,

Cemetery Committee.

GEORGE M. HITCHCOCK,

FRANK R. NEWTON.

EDWARD W. POTTER,

Sexton.

GEORGE M. HITCHCOCK.

Directors of the Public Library.

SAMUEL W. BROWN,

HENRY F. BROWN.

LOUIS S. BROWN,

Collector.

JONATHAN P. WEBBER.

*Resigned.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

APRIL 4th, 1887.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
HAMPDEN, SS.

To FRANCIS E. COOK, Constable of Brimfield, GREETING

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of Brimfield, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Brimfield, Monday, the Fourth day of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles :

FIRST. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

SECOND. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

THIRD. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year ; also all committees and agents the business of the town may require. By vote of the town all officers required by law to be chosen by ballot (except Moderator and Town Clerk) must be all on one ballot.

The Polls will be opened at half-past ten o'clock, a. m., and may be closed at two o'clock, p. m.

FOURTH. To hear reports of officers and agents heretofore chosen by the town, and act thereon.

FIFTH. To raise money for support of schools for the ensuing year.

SIXTH. To raise money for the support of highways, townways and bridges, and direct how the same shall be expended.

SEVENTH. To raise money for the payment of town debts, and to defray expenses for the ensuing year.

EIGHTH. To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors, as revised by the Selectmen.

NINTH. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes of the current year, also to borrow money to renew, replace or pay any existing loan or loans, or any part thereof.

TENTH. To see if the town will allow a discount on taxes if paid within certain periods, or act thereon.

ELEVENTH. To see what disposition the town will make of their dog fund, or act thereon.

TWELFTH. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use the means for collecting taxes which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed collector.

THIRTEENTH. To see if the town will cause to be printed the reports of their town officers and agents, or any part of the same.

FOURTEENTH. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any money for State Aid.

FIFTEENTH. To see what action the town will take in regard to specific repairs ordered by County Commissioners, on petition of O. C. Switzer and others.

SIXTEENTH. To see what action the town will take on the report of the Overseers of Poor, in regard to Mrs. Augusta Calkins' case.

SEVENTEENTH. To bring in their votes (yes or no) upon the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town."

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, one at the Center Post Office, and by mailing a copy to the Post Offices at East and West Brimfield, and by mailing or otherwise sending a copy to Fosket's Mills seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said Brimfield, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven.

M. H. BAKER,
F. R. NEWTON,
D. W. JANES,

Selectmen of Brimfield.

Auditor's Report.

To the Citizens of Brimfield:—

Your Auditors submit the following as their report of the receipts and expenditures of the town of Brimfield for the year ending March 8th, 1887.

OLD BILLS FOR 1885-6.

REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS.

1886.

April 12, paid W. J. Brown,	.	.	\$ 8.55	
“ “ “ Henry Blodgett,	.	.	13.00	
“ “ “ John C. Spring,	.	.	19.15	
“ “ “ B. B. Fenton,	.	.	23.25	
“ “ “ John C. Spring,	.	.	5.05	
“ “ “ Josiah Stebbins,	.	.	8.75	
“ “ “ M. H. Baker,	.	.	18.18	
			<hr/>	\$95.93

FOR SCHOOLS.

1886.

May 3, paid O. E. Parker,	.	.	\$2.00	
			<hr/>	\$2.00

FOR PAUPERS.

1886.

April 12, paid Northampton Hospital for				
Mrs. Bradley,	.	.	.	\$27.86
April 12, paid J. H. Plimpton, salary,	.	.	.	62.50
“ “ “ Geo. F. Chamberlain, salary,	.	.	.	27.50
June 7, “ L. G. Reed for Dixon family,	.	.	.	10.00
“ “ “ State for C. D. Colgrove,	.	.	.	8.58
“ “ “ R. V. Sawin, M. D., at alms	.	.	.	
house,	.	.	.	1.00

Nov. 1, paid Fosket & Holbrook, . . .	\$2.45	
1887.		
March 7, paid Taft & Kenefick, Holden case,	27.30	
“ “ “ “ “ Dimmick case,	21.72	
	<hr/>	\$188.91

OFFICER'S SALARIES.

1886.

April 12, paid E. W. Carder, janitor, . . .	\$ 8.33
“ “ “ M. H. Baker, registrar, . . .	7.00
“ “ “ M. H. Baker, road commis- sioner,	10.00
“ “ “ M. H. Baker, selectman, . . .	28.00
“ “ “ F. R. Newton, registrar, . . .	7.00
“ “ “ F. R. Newton, selectman, . . .	26.00
“ “ “ D. W. Janes, registrar, . . .	2.00
“ “ “ D. W. Janes, selectman, . . .	23.00
April 12, paid N. S. Hubbard, School Com- mittee,	\$35.00
April 12, paid W. J. Brown, Road Com- missioner,	5.75
April 12, paid J. C. Spring, Road Commis- sioner,	6.00
April 12, paid F. E. Cook, Overseer of Poor,	19.00
“ “ “ P. A. Parker, “ “ “	5.00
“ “ “ Est. Wm. H. Sherman, Com- mittee on barn,	7.00
April 12, paid Louis S. Brown, School Com- mittee,	30.50
April 12, paid J. P. Webber, Collector for 1884,	20.00
April 12, paid H. F. Brown, Registrar, . . .	8.00
“ “ “ H. F. Brown, recording mar- riages, births and deaths,	19.20
April 12, paid Lizzie M. Ward, Librarian,	8.34
June 7, paid T. J. Morgan, School Commit- tee,	44.00

June 7, paid T. J. Morgan, Overseer of Poor, 1887.	\$21.50	
March 7, paid Geo. M. Hitchcock, returning deaths,	3.75	
	<hr/>	\$344.37

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

1886.

April 12, paid F. R. Newton, postage, . . .	\$ 1.42	
“ “ “ Electa Walker, interest, . . .	48.90	
June 7, “ Cleaves, Macdonald & Co., for books,	4.18	
	<hr/>	\$54.50
Amount of old bills,		\$685.71

HIGHWAYS FOR 1886-7.

Appropriation,	\$1,200.00
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SECTION OF J. C. SPRING.

1886.

April 12, paid J. C. Spring, . . .	\$ 17.95	
May 3, “ J. C. Spring, . . .	108.26	
June 7, “ J. C. Spring, . . .	53.53	
“ 7, “ M. H. Corbin, . . .	12.80	
“ 7, “ A. D. Thomas, . . .	37.52	
“ 7, “ Josiah Stebbins, . . .	6.00	
July 5, “ A. D. Thomas, . . .	23.45	
Sept. 6, “ J. C. Spring, . . .	51.56	
Oct. 4, “ Fred Moore, . . .	9.45	
“ 4, “ Josiah Stebbins, . . .	31.00	
“ 4, “ John C. Spring, . . .	35.73	
“ 4, “ A. D. Thomas, . . .	24.45	
Nov. 1, “ John C. Spring, . . .	53.64	
March 7, “ John C. Spring, . . .	3.15	
	<hr/>	\$468.49

SECTION OF N. S. HUBBARD.

1886.

May 3, paid N. S. Hubbard,	.	.	\$27.00
June 7, " Edward B. Brown,	.	.	60.60
" 7, " N. S. Hubbard,	.	.	85.25
July 5, " N. S. Powers,	.	.	52.53
" 5, " Sanford Booth,	.	.	61.50
Nov. 1, " N. S. Hubbard,	.	.	40.12

1887.

March 7, " N. S. Hubbard,	.	.	5.05	
			<hr/>	\$332.05

SECTION OF M. H. BAKER.

1886.

May 3, paid F. R. Newton,	.	.	\$25.15
" 3, " D. W. Janes,	.	.	31.50
June 7, " D. W. Janes,	.	.	75.45
" 7, " F. R. Newton,	.	.	29.29
July 5, " M. H. Baker,	.	.	20.53
" 5, " Isaac W. Pratt,	.	.	17.25
" 5, " D. W. Janes,	.	.	83.01
Oct. 4, " M. H. Baker,	.	.	27 35
Dec. 6, " M. H. Baker,	.	.	55.15

1887.

March 7, paid M. H. Baker,	.	.	2.95	
" 7, " F. R. Newton,	.	.	3.33	
			<hr/>	\$870.96
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				\$1,171.50
Balance unexpended,	.	.	.	28.50
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				\$1,200.00

SUPPORT OF BRIDGES.

Appropriation,	.	.	.	\$300.00
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1886.

May 3, paid J. C. Spring, . . .	\$ 7.38
June 7, " A. D. Thomas, . . .	10.81
July 5, " H. E. Janes, plank, . . .	50.41
May 3, " N. S. Hubbard, . . .	1.50
June 7, " E. B. Brown, . . .	4.50
Aug. 2, " H. E. Janes, plank, . . .	9.24
Sept. 6, " H. E. Janes, . . .	11.73
Nov. 1, " N. S. Hubbard, . . .	3.34
" 1, " Town of Palmer, one-half ex- pense of West Brimfield and Rogers' bridges, . . .	31.52
Dec. 6, paid J. C. Spring, . . .	4.48

1887.

Feb. 7, paid, T. J. Morgan, . . .	1.00
March 7, " N. S. Hubbard, . . .	5.50
" 7, " Town of Palmer, one-half ex- pense of Rogers' Bridge, . . .	73.64
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	\$215.05
Balance unexpended, . . .	84.95
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	\$300.00

SNOW PATIIS.

1887.

Appropriation, . . .	\$200.00
Feb. 7, paid F. R. Newton, . . .	8.17
" " " D. W. Janes, . . .	7.43
" " " Sanford Booth, . . .	28.10
March, 7, paid M. H. Baker, . . .	17.88
" " " M. H. Corbin, . . .	4.47
" " " J. C. Spring, . . .	16.28
" " " Edward B. Brown, . . .	12.07
" " " N. S. Hubbard, . . .	7.72
" " " Oscar F. Brown, . . .	2.25
" " " W. J. Brown, . . .	1.80
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	\$106.17
Balance unexpended, . . .	\$93.83
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	\$200.00

BRIMFIELD, March 17, 1887.

In compliance with the Statutes the Road Commissioners make the following report on guide-boards.

We have seen no occasion for erecting any new ones the past season, and beg leave to refer the town to the report of last year for the location and condition of those already erected.

NEWTON S. HUBBARD,
Road Commissioner.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid for wages and board of teachers, for fuel and care of school houses, for the year ending March 8th, 1887 :

Name of Teacher.	No. of School.	Wages for Summer Term.	Wages for Fall Term.	Wages for Winter Term.	Fuel and Care of Houses.	Total.
Martha E. Stone,	1	81.00	81.00	96 00	22.00	280.00
Ada M. Blodgett,	2	72 00	72 00			
James H. Shaw,	2			88.00	15.00	247.00
Fannie B. Gates,	3	54.00	58.50	84.00	22.50	219 00
Lilian M. Booth,	4			60.00	10.06	70.06
Nellie W. Brown,	5	49.50	54.00			
Albert E. Kyte,	5			66.00	19.15	188.65
Louis S. Brown,	7	54.00				
Clara L. Green,	7		45.00	66.00	23.62	188.62
N. Lizzie Kennedy,	8	58.50				
Katy M. Dunsmore,	8		45.00	66.00	14.75	184.25
Lizzie P. Knowlton,	10	63 00	63.00	84.00	24.00	234.00
		453.00	418.50	589.00	151.08	1611.58

\$1611.58

OTHER EXPENSES FOR SCHOOLS.

1887.

Jan. 3, Paid Louis S. Brown, School Com.,	\$15.00
March 7, " " " " "	18.00
" " " N. S. Hubbard, " "	31.00
" " " T. J. Morgan, " "	28.00
" " " Town Sturbridge, Schooling,	16.50
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	\$108.50

TEXT BOOKS.

1886.

June 7,	Paid Whitney & Adams,	\$19.14
" "	" L. S. Brown, express on Books,	.50
" "	" " " " Postage,	.73
Sept. 6,	" " " " for Books,	2.51
Dec. 6,	" " " " " "	5.65
" "	" " " " Postage,	1.00

1887.

Feb. 7,	Paid Boston School Supply Co.,	11.48
March 7,	Paid Louis S. Brown, Express,	.65
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		\$41.66

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

1886.

June 7,	Paid Whitney & Adams,	\$ 3.92
" "	" Boston School Supply Co.,	11.44
" "	" Louis S. Brown, Supplies and Ex.,	2.05
Sept. 6,	" " " " Labels,	1.00
Nov. 1,	" A. J. Daniels,	.36
Dec. 6,	" Whitney & Adams,	9.56

1887.

Feb. 7,	Paid Boston School Supply Co.,	4.80
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		\$33.13
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		\$1794.87

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

1886.

June 7,	Paid Louis S. Brown, on No. 7,	\$8.90
Sept. 6,	" A. W. Pierson, on No. 1,	.80
" "	" Louis S. Brown, on No. 3,	6.24
Oct. 4,	" Willie Marsells, on No. 2,	8.75
" "	" A. C. Pinney, on No. 2,	20.00
Nov. 1,	" A. J. Daniels, on No. 2,	2.65
" "	" Louis S. Brown, on No. 3 and 10,	8.65
" "	" J. L. Chaffee, on No. 2,	15.00
" "	" Clifford H. Sweet, on No. 2,	9.00

Dec. 6, paid C. O. Brown, on No. 8,	\$15.00
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 2,	40.00
“ “ “ J. L. Chaffee, on No. 2,	2.00
“ “ “ N. S. Hubbard, on No. 1,	1.00
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 5,	17.47

1887.

Jan. 3, paid Louis S. Brown, No. 10,	4.28
“ “ “ C. O. Brown, “ 10,	7.68
“ “ “ Boston School Supply Co.,	6.00
“ “ “ A. C. Pinney, on No. 2,	3.00
Feb. 7, paid T. J. Morgan, 1,	4.12
“ “ “ T. J. Morgan, 2,	7.00
“ “ “ T. J. Morgan, 8,	4.30
“ “ “ A. F. Fisher, 10,	13.47
“ “ “ A. F. Fisher, 1,	16.00
March 7, paid Louis S. Brown, 3,	1.48
“ “ “ Louis S. Brown, 1,	1.45
“ “ “ Louis S. Brown, 7,	.30
“ “ “ Isaac W. Pratt, 2,	14.85
“ “ “ Fosket & Holbrook, 3,	35.22

\$274.61

OFFICER'S SALARIES.

ASSESSORS.

1886.

Sept. 7, paid G. W. Sherman, . .	\$33.00
“ “ “ S. W. Brown, . .	32.00
“ “ “ John Shanly, . .	33.00

\$98.00

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

1887.

March 7, paid M. H. Baker, . .	\$6.00
“ “ “ H. F. Brown, . .	6.00
“ “ “ F. R. Newton, . .	5.00

\$17.00

JANITOR.

Paid E. W. Carder, year's salary, . . .	\$99.96	
	<u> </u>	\$99.96

SEXTON.

1886.

May 3, paid Geo. M. Hitchcock, . . .	\$9.00	
July 5, paid Geo. M. Hitchcock, . . .	9.00	
Dec. 6, paid Geo. M. Hitchcock, . . .	12.00	

1887.

March 7, paid Geo. M. Hitchcock, . . .	4.00	
	<u> </u>	\$34.00

TOWN CLERK.

March 7, paid H. F. Brown for recording marriages, births, and deaths, . . .		\$16.85
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COLLECTOR.

1886.

July 5, paid J. P. Webber, for '85 tax, . . .	\$40.00	
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1887.

Mar. 7, " " " " " " . . .	20.00	
Mar. 7, " " " " '86 tax, . . .	40.00	
	<u> </u>	\$100.00

LIBRARIAN.

1886.

April 12, paid M. Lizzie Wrene, . . .	\$ 4.16	
Aug. 2, " " " " . . .	8.33	
Sept. 7, " Louis S. Brown, . . .	12.50	

1887.

Jan. 3, " " " " . . .	12.50	
March 7, " " " " . . .	12.50	
	<u> </u>	\$49.99

CONSTABLES.

1886.

May 3, paid F. Edgar Brown, . . .	\$ 2.50	
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1887.

Feb. 7, paid F. E. Cook, . . .	7.50	
	<u> </u>	\$10.00

Report of Overseers of Poor.

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE.

1887.

March 2,	One horse,	.	.	.	\$ 40.00	
	Two oxen,	.	.	.	140.00	
	Twelve cows,	.	.	.	315.00	
	Two yearlings,	.	.	.	20.00	
	Six hogs,	.	.	.	28.80	
	Twenty-three fowls,	.	.	.	11.00	
	Five tons English hay, \$16,	.	.	.	80.00	
	Sixteen tons meadow hay, \$5,	.	.	.	80.00	
	Two tons rye straw,	.	.	.	20.00	
	Oat straw,	.	.	.	3.00	
	One ton stover,	.	.	.	10.00	
	Ears of corn, 125 bushels, 30c	.	.	.	47.50	
	Rye, 42 bushels, 70c.	.	.	.	29.40	
	Oats, 10 bushels, 42c.	.	.	.	4.20	
	Meal and shorts,	.	.	.	3.00	
	Farming tools,	.	.	.	264.25	
	Ice,	.	.	.	15.00	
	Wood,	.	.	.	50.00	
	Lumber,	.	.	.	26.00	
	Provisions,	.	.	.	127.72	
	Household furniture,	.	.	.	329.31	
					<hr/>	\$1,644.18
	Inventory of March 2, 1886.	.	.	.		1,572.13
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	Gain on personal property,	.	.	.		\$72.05

EXPENDITURES AND RECEIPTS AT THE ALMS-
HOUSE, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 2, 1887.

1886.

March	5,	Paid G. H. Rand, for soap, .	\$ 3.00
"	5,	A. Lee, for ointment, .	.25
"	5,	For fish,	1.47
"	5,	For umbrella,	1.50
"	5,	C. Stone, cash, . . . . .	.60
"	5,	Soapine and Roper's bill, .	4.35
"	19,	Blacksmithing,	1.83
April	1,	M. H. Corbin, for shoats, .	10.00
"	5,	Paint and brushes,	3.00
"	10,	A. Lombard, for apples, .	2.00
"	12,	Gregory for seeds,	2.20
"	12,	For clothes-frame, . . . . .	.50
"	16,	T. J. Morgan for lath, . . . . .	.25
"	22,	For one plow point, . . . . .	.50
"	22,	For tinware, etc.,	2.65
"	27,	M. H. Corbin for barley, .	1.00
"	29,	David Leno for labor,	3.00
"	29,	Hat, . . . . .	.87
"	29,	Repairing shoes,	1.92
May	1,	Maple syrup,	1.12
"	1,	Filing saws, grinding,	1.53
"	1,	Oil and repairs on harness, .	1.95
"	1,	Groceries,	2.16
"	1,	Toweling, . . . . .	.50
"	1,	Paper, postage, etc., . . . . .	.25
"	15,	Horse hoe,	7.50
"	15,	Cutting hair, . . . . .	.25
"	15,	Oranges . . . . .	.25
"	15,	Chlorralum and Strychnine, .	1.00
"	15,	Seeds and plants,	1.77
"	15,	Nails and repairs on wagon, .	1.05
June	8,	Butchering cow,	1.00
"	8,	For use of boar,	1.00

June	12,	Paid Haynes & Son, repairing wagon, . . .	\$17.50
"	12,	E. Livermore, for shoes, .	1.75
"	12,	Repairs on pipe, . .	.70
"	12,	Better worker, . .	5.40
"	12,	F. Wright for crackers, .	3.83
"	12,	Drag rake, . .	.75
"	12,	Mrs. Wells, for labor, .	4.85
July	7,	F. H. Moore, for fish, .	7.77
"	7,	S. Wetherbee, for clothing, .	12.17
"	7,	J. B. Gould, for meal, ' .	10.00
"	7,	Freight bills and harness repairs, .	1.25
"	17,	Blanchard for cradle scythe, .	.50
"	28,	A. W. Pierson, for papering, .	2.80
		Berries, . . .	.65
Aug.	1,	Mrs. Graves, for labor, .	30.00
"	10,	J. Leno, for labor, haying, .	26.25
"	12,	J. M. Drake, bush scythe snath, .	.75
		J. H. Plympton, " "	.50
		Essence, . . .	.40
Aug.	27,	Repairs on scraper, .	.40
"	31,	Chorralum carbolic acid and soap, . .	2.20
"	31,	One barrel flour, . .	6.50
"	31,	Blacksmithing, . .	1.20
"	31,	Frost, for threshing, .	1.50
"	31,	Telephone, . .	.30
Sept.	2,	W. H. Siddall, . .	76.90
"	2,	A. E. Kyte, for labor, .	.75
"	2,	J. F. Lombard, mowing, .	13.50
"	2,	Fosket & Holbrook, feed, .	1.05
"	2,	Mrs. Graves, labor, .	3.75
"	6,	Two kettles, . .	1.40
"	15,	Bemis, for meat, . .	.90
"	15,	Bacon & Btaes, for oil, .	.30
"	15,	For peaches, . .	1.20
"	15,	F. Wright, for crackers, .	2.98
"	20,	Grain and grinding, .	1.00

Sept.	20,	Paid, Stove and repairs,	. \$3.85
"	20,	S. Wetherbee, for pincers,	.60
"	20,	W. Haynes, for plums,	.50
"	20,	Repairing harness,	.55
Oct.	1,	Lathe for threshing oats,	. 3.00
"	25,	P. Callehan, for labor,	. 32.00
"	25,	Butter color,	. .75
"	25,	Plow point,	. .50
"	25,	F. H. Moore, for fish,	. 5.78
"	25,	J. B. Gould, for grain,	. 20.00
"	25,	Casket and robe, for D. Howard,	. 13.00
"	25,	Repairs on ox wagon,	. 3.50
"	25,	Pigs,	. 9.00
"	25,	Shoeing oxen,	. .85
"	25,	E. W. Hitchcock, meat bill,	. 47.09
"	25,	Mrs. Dunham, work,	. 4.85
Nov.	10,	Expenses to Northampton for Mrs. Bradley,	. 6.69
"	10,	Soap,	. 1.00
"	10,	Butter color,	. .25
"	19,	E. Tarbell, repairing wheel,	. .40
"	19,	J. A. Fairbanks, labor,	. 3.00
"	19,	Weighing straw,	. .30
"	19,	E. A. Rice, for hinges,	. .50
Dec.	3,	blacksmithing,	. .70
"	3,	window for shed,	. .40
"	3,	O. F. Brown, making cider,	. 1.26
"	3,	Patent mop and handle,	. .75
"	3,	E. A. LaPlant, chopping,	. 22.64
"	3,	G. A. Rand, for soap,	. 4.80
"	3,	C. Wells, for chopping,	. 14.09
"	3,	Hat and buttons,	. 1.15
"	3,	saw and repairs,	. 1.57
"	3,	A. Lee,	. .25
1887.			
Jan.	1,	P. O. box rent,	. .20
"	10,	A. F. Fisher, stove and pipe,	. 11.68

Jan.	10,	Paid, Crackers,	\$4.11
"	17,	Express on box of Mrs. Bradley, . . . .	.40
Jan.	18,	A. F. Fisher, register and box,	2.60
"	18,	E. Shaw, dried beef, . . .	2.50
"	18,	Carbolic soap, . . . .	.25
"	18,	Lamp chimney, . . . .	.08
"	18,	J. B. Gould, meal and feed,	10.00
"	18,	S. Wetherbee, for hard- ware,	2.85
"	18,	F. H. Moore, for fish, . . .	4.15
"	18,	chair,	1.00
"	18,	repairs on harness, . . .	.75
"	18,	lantern, . . . .	.75
"	18,	Hops, oil and tacks, . . .	.57
"	18,	E. A. Rice, stove and re- pairs,	3.85
"	29,	C. Wells, chopping, . . .	8.35
Feb.	3,	J. Harvey, putting in reg- ister, . . . .	.50
"	12,	Mr. Purdy, horse shoeing,	.75
"	12,	Haynes, repairing harness,	.10
"	17,	F. W. Fenton, cutting ice,	7.00
"	17,	E. A. Rice, groceries, . . .	1.53
"	26,	A. B. Chamberlain, goods,	57.22
March	2,	W. N. Hitchcock, fish, . . .	9.19
"	2,	E. W. Potter, blacksmith- ing,	20.20
"	2,	E. W. Hitchcock, meat bill,	17.10
"	2,	Mrs. Graves, for labor, . . .	24.00
"	2,	G. L. Plympton, for labor,	48.25
"	2,	E. Fairbanks, bill,	103.84
"	2,	Tyler & Towne, bill, . . .	55.96
"	2,	J. B. Gould,	5.60
"	2,	T. J. Morgan, saw bill, . . .	2.00
"	2,	J. F. Converse, bill, . . .	24.02
"	2,	J. H. Plympton, salary two months,	62 50

March	2,	Paid, J. H. Plympton, use of cow,	\$5.00	
"	2,	P. A. Parker, sundries, .	4.35	
"	2,	Sutcliffe, pasturing, .	5.20	
			<hr/>	\$1,019.84

BILLS PAID BY ORDERS ON TOWN
TREASURER.

1886.

April	12,	Paid Northampton Hospital for	
		Mrs. Bradley, . . .	\$13.93
"	12,	J. H. Plympton, salary, .	31.25
"	12,	G. F. Chamberlain, M. D.,	
		bill,	2.50
May	3,	O. W. Studley, for ox-cart,	70.00
June	7,	State of Mass. for C. D.	
		Colgrove,	4.28
July	5,	Northampton Hospital, for	
		Mrs. Bradley,	42.25
"	5,	J. H. Plympton, salary, .	93.75
"	5,	Witnesses on Charles case,	20.00
Aug.	2,	Loomis Bros., two coffins,	
		one robe,	16.00
"	2,	J. F. Converse, bill, . .	78.28
Sept.	6,	W. Holbrook, M. D., for	
		Mrs. Freeman,	12.00
"	6,	State of Mass. for C. D.	
		Colgrove,	13.00
"	6,	Adolph Meshott, care Mrs.	
		Freeman,	22.50
Oct.	4,	E. W. Hitchcock, bill for	
		Mrs. Carroll,	7.10
"	4,	F. S. King, care of Mrs.	
		Freeman,	8.05
"	4,	J. H. Plympton, salary, .	93.75
Nov.	1,	Overseers of poor, . . .	44.30
"	1,	R. V. Sawin, M. D., . . .	12.00
"	1,	Northampton Hospital, for	
		Mrs. Calkins,	36.22

Nov.	1,	Paid, Northampton Hospital, for Mrs. Bradley, . . .	\$42.72
Dec.	6,	J. A. Palmer, service of summons, . . .	1.60
"	6,	State of Mass. for C. D. Colgrove, . . .	9.00
"	6,	J. F. Converse, bill at alms- house, . . .	42.88
"	6,	J. F. Converse, bill Mrs. Carroll, . . .	23.78
1887.			
Jan.	3,	R. V. Sawin, M. D., for Mrs. Freeman, . . .	8.00
"	3,	Overseers of poor, cash for four heifers, . . .	60.00
"	3,	J. H. Plympton, salary, .	93.75
Feb.	7,	F. E. Cook, expenses, .	10.60
"	7,	Loomis Bros., coffin, .	10.00
"	7,	State of Mass., for C. D. Colgrove, . . .	13.14
"	7,	Northampton Hospital, for Mrs. Bradley, . . .	19.50
"	7,	Northampton Hospital, for Mrs. Calkins, . . .	42.72
"	7,	Town of Wales, tax, .	2.66
Mar.	7,	Porter, A. Parker, expenses, .	3.22
"	7,	E. W. Hitchcock, meat for Mrs. Carroll, . . .	4.00
"	7,	N. S. Powers, support of Mrs. E. Powers, . . .	19.50
"	7,	J. F. Converse, goods for Mrs. Carroll, . . .	9.00

Services of Overseers of the Poor.

1886.

Dec. 6, Paid Francis E. Cook, . . . 32.60

1887.

Feb. 7, Francis E. Cook, . . . 15.00

March	7,	Paid, Francis E. Cook, . . .	\$10.00	
"	7,	James S. Blair, . . .	7.50	
"	7,	Porter A. Parker, . . .	8.00	
			-----	\$1110.33
		Total payment for support of poor,		\$2130.17

RECEIPTS FOR FARM PRODUCTS.

Received of W. Haynes for pig, . . .	\$3.50
For use of oxen, . . .	1.00
J. Leno, butter and corn, . . .	1.00
Mr. Haynes for plowing . . .	.50
A. Stone, keeping stock, . . .	12.50
John Spring, for work, . . .	3.83
Rev. J. Kyte, for sand, . . .	.50
T. J. Morgan, old iron, . . .	1.25
Moore, for team work, . . .	.25
J. Gates, for rye straw, . . .	10.95
J. Browning, for sand, . . .	1.00
Rye straw sold, . . .	1.20
E. W. Hitchcock, pork and veal, . . .	24.33
Mr. Stowell, for beef, . . .	2.20
G. H. Rand, for pork, . . .	6.18
G. H. Rand, for onions, . . .	.50
Mrs. Agard, for pork, . . .	6.12
E. A. La Plant, meat, . . .	1.17
A. F. Fisher, beef, . . .	7.70
Milk and eggs, . . .	.90
E. Shaw, for pork, . . .	47.91
Rev. J. Kyte, for beef, . . .	5.60
D. L. Griggs, . . .	3.36
For onions, . . .	1.65
For beef and milk, . . .	.90
A. B. Chamberlain, potatoes, . . .	27.74
W. N. Hitchcock, beef and potatoes, . . .	9.10
Hides and onions, . . .	8.52
Board of G. L. Plympton, . . .	82.00

Received of J. C. Spring, for labor,	.	\$5.10	
Potatoes,	. . .	20.27	
Butter,	. . .	98.42	
Five calves,	. . .	53.19	
		<hr/>	\$450.34
From orders on Treasurer,	.	545.00	
By orders paid by Treas.,	.	1,110.33	
Cash received of A. Stone, old			
account,	. . .	24.12	
Paid by warden,	. . .	.38	
		<hr/>	\$2,130.17

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR IN ACCOUNT WITH
THE TOWN OF BRIMFIELD.

1886.	Dr.		
March 2,	To farm as appraised,	.\$4,000.00	
" 2,	neat stock, . . .	527.00	
" 2,	hay and grain, . . .	278.00	
" 2,	farming tools and wood, .	298.75	
" 2,	provisions, . . .	161.59	
" 2,	household furniture, .	306.79	
" 2,	due from A. Stone, .	24.12	
" 2,	orders paid by town, .	1,655.33	
	Due warden on account, .	.38	
		<hr/>	\$7,251.96

1887.	Cr.		
March 2,	By farm as appraised,	.\$4,000.00	
" 2,	neat stock, . . .	554.80	
" 2,	hay and grain, . . .	277.10	
" 2,	farming tools and wood, .	355.25	
" 2,	provisions, . . .	127.72	
" 2,	household furniture, .	329.31	
" 2,	received from Brookfield,	56.65	
" 2,	burial of pauper, . . .	15.00	
" 2,	W. K. Howard, for Miss		
	Calkins, . . .	36.22	
Balance, being amount it has cost to sup-			
port the poor, . . .	.	1,499.91	
		<hr/>	\$7,251.96

From this balance		\$1,499.91
Deduct the expense for those out of alms-		
house, viz.:		
Northampton Hospital, for Mrs. Bradley,	\$118.40	
Northampton Hospital, for Mrs. Calkins,	42.72	
State for C. D. Colgrove,	39.42	
Support of Mary Carroll,	43.88	
A. J. Palmer, summoning witnesses in the		
Charles case,	1.60	
N. S. Powers, support Mrs. E. Powers, .	19.50	
Case Newton vs. Charles,	20.00	
F. E. Cook, salary and expenses,	32.60	
F. E. Cook, salary and expenses,	26.60	
F. E. Cook, services as Overseers of Poor,	10.00	
J. S. Blair, services	7.50	
P. A. Parker, services and expenses, .	11.22	
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	\$372.44	
Cost to support poor at almshouse . . .	1,127.47	
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		\$1,499.91
Average number at almshouse,		6 $\frac{4}{6}$.
Number of weeks board furnished,		361.
Cost of each weeks board,		\$3.123 + .

FOR MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES, 1886-7.

1886.

May	3,	Paid E. C. Vinton, services	
		veterinary surgeon, .	\$ 7.00
"	3,	Transcript Pub. Co., for	
		Town reports,	67.20
June	7,	F. E. Webster labor,	1.00
"	7,	F. R. Newton, making plan	
		of cemetery, and copy-	
		ing records,	15.00
"	7,	Chas. H. Whiting, record	
		books,	3.50
"	7,	F. E. Cook, cutting ceme-	
		tery trees,	5.00

June	7,	Paid, J. P. Webber, printing, .	\$3.00
"	7,	F. R. Newton, " .	1.00
"	7,	A. W. Pierson, painting monument fence, .	16.00
Aug.	2,	Springfield Printing Co., record books, . . .	13.44
"	2,	W. H. Lombard, mowing cemetery, . . .	15.00
Sept.	6,	A. W. Pierson, cleaning monument, . . .	4.00
"	6,	S. W. Brown, postage and express,	2.00
"	6,	Louis S. Brown, express on books, . . . . .	.15
Oct.	4,	W. G. Parker, wood, .	22.50
"	4,	J. W. Morgan, painting monument fence-gate, .	15.00
"	4,	Edward Fairbanks, for fence wire,	16.05
Nov.	1,	E. W. Carder, work on stove,	2.00
"	1,	E. Fairbanks, pails, .	7.00
"	1,	Daniel Haynes, work on stove, . . . . .	.50
Dec.	6,	Shavings, 7 barrels, .	1.40
"	6,	John F. Converse bill, .	10.29
"	6,	A. F. Fisher, stove pipe, .	19.37
"	6,	E. W. Carder, labor, .	.30
"	6,	John Himes, sawing wood, .	5.00
"	6,	F. R. Newton, building fence, .	7.19
Jan.	3,	W. C. Blashfield, shavings, .	1.20
"	3,	Post castings,	3.41
"	3,	Insurance on school house No. 1, .	60.75
"	3,	H. Haynes & Son, repairing hearse,	35.25
"	3,	J. P. Webben, abatem't on taxes, .	13.85
M'ch	7,	J. M. Allen, wood, .	12.00
"	7,	M. H. Baker, expense on petition O. C. Switzer and others, .	7.00

March 7,	Paid, Chas. Crawford, abatement of		
	poll tax,	\$2.00	
" 7,	H. L. Belden, binding books,	3.00	
" 7,	J. F. Converse, goods for town,		
	house,	9.01	
" 7,	E. E. Tarbell, bolts and rings		
	for posts,	1.40	
" 7,	J. P. Webber, abatem't of taxes,	46.18	
" 7,	Bosworth & Barrows, legal		
	advice,	5.00	
" 7,	Frank E. Webster, sawing wood,	3.00	
" 7,	Louis S. Brown, express and		
	repairs,	1.10	
" 7,	H. F. Brown, sundry bills,	25.23	
" 7,	H. F. Brown, services and ex-		
	penses in petition of O. C.		
	Switzer and others,	7.00	
		<hr/>	\$496.27

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid O. P. Allen for magazines,	\$12.35	
H. F. Brown for magazines,	7.60	
Cleaves, MacDonald & Co., books,	35.33	
Louis S. Brown,	5.75	
O. P. Allen for magazines,	2.45	
H. L. Belden,	13.10	
	<hr/>	\$76.58

STATE AID.

Paid Elmer W. Carder,	\$60.00	
Alonzo Allen,	64.00	
Electa Walker,	4.00	
	<hr/>	\$128.00

FOR PAYMENT OF TOWN DEBT AND INTEREST.

1886.

April 12,	Paid Electa Walker, interest,	\$ 4.45
July 7,	Palmer Savings Bank, int.,	31.00
Aug. 2,	A. Munroe, interest,	22.50

1887.

Jan.	3,	Paid, Palmer Savings Bank, int.,	\$ 31.00	
Feb.	7,	A. Munroe, interest,	. 22.50	
Feb.	7,	Palmer Savings Bank,	. 550.00	
March	7,	Electa Walker, interest,	. 48.02	
				<u>\$709.47</u>

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FOREGOING.

1886-7.

	Appropriation.	Payments.
Repairs of highways,	\$1,200.00	\$1,171.50
Bridges,	300.00	215.05
Snow paths,	200.00	106.17
Schools,	\$1,400.00	
Income of school fund,	313.16, 1,713.16	1,628.08
Conveyance of pupils, text books, and school supplies,	150.00	74.79
Salary of school committee, . . .	100.00	92.00
Repairs of school-houses,	250.00	274.61
Support of paupers and salaries of overseers,	1,575.00	1,655.33
Pauper bills repaid,	107.87	
Officer's salaries,	425.00	425.80
Discount on taxes.	300.00	333.88
State aid,	48.00	128.00
Town debt and interest,	\$165.00	
Corporation and bank tax,	698.48 863.48	706.47
Miscellaneous expenses,	600.00	499.27
Public library,	124.42	76.58
Appropriations over payments, . .		569.40
		<u>\$7,956.93</u>
		\$7,956.93

ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR TO MARCH, 1888.

For Highways,	\$1,200.00
Bridges,	200.00
Snow-paths,	200.00

For Schools,	\$1,300.00	
Conveyance of pupils, text books, and school supplies,	100.00	
Salary of school committee,	100.00	
Repairs on school-houses,	100.00	
Support of paupers,	1,550.00	
Officers' salaries,	500.00	
Discount on taxes,	300.00	
State aid, amount due from State,	50.00	
Miscellaneous expenses,	600.00	
Interest on town debt,	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$6,250.00

Collector's Report.

JONATHAN P. WEBBER, Collector for 1885.

1886.

DR.

March 8, To balance of tax for 1885, uncollected, \$1,444.21

CR.

April 16,	By paid Town Treasurer,	\$175.00
May 3,	Paid Town Treasurer,	115.00
June 10,	Paid Town Treasurer,	95.30
July 5,	Paid Town Treasurer,	575.57
Sept. 24,	Paid Town Treasurer,	80.00
Oct. 14,	Paid Town Treasurer,	100.00

1887.

Mar. 2,	Paid Town Treasurer,	292.46
	Balance tax for 1885, uncollected,	10.88

\$1,444.21

JONATHAN P. WEBBER, Collector for 1886.

DR.

To town tax for 1886, \$7,836.15

1886.

CR.

Aug. 2,	By paid Town Treasurer,	\$513.00
Aug. 16,	Paid Town Treasurer,	464.10
Aug. 28,	Paid Town Treasurer,	803.85
Aug. 31,	Paid Town Treasurer,	494.86
Sept. 2,	Paid Town Treasurer,	504.83
	Paid County Tax,	606.00
	Discount allowed on above at 6 per cent.,	216.16
Oct. 14,	By paid Town Treasurer,	139.60
Nov. 4,	Paid Town Treasurer,	225.00
Dec. 6,	Paid Town Treasurer,	185.00

Dec. 21,	Paid Town Treasurer,	\$318.19	
Dec. 25,	P id Town Treasurer,	419.50	
Dec. 30,	Paid Town Treasurer,	434.62	
1887.			
Jan. 1,	Paid Town Treasurer,	402.08	
Jan. 3,	Paid Town Treasurer,	701.34	
	Discount allowed on above at 4 per cent.,	117.72	
Mar. 7,	By paid Town Treasurer,	305.00	
	Balance tax for 1886 uncollected,	985.30	
		————	\$7,836.15

J. P. WEBBER, *Collector.*

Treasurer's Report.

HENRY F. BROWN, in account with the Town
of Brimfield :

1886.	Dr.		
March 8,	To	balance of settlement,	. \$2,379.45
“ 24,		Cash of J. Freeman, for schooling,	15.00
April 15,		Cash of 2d Cong. church, for rent,	125.00
May 29,		Cash of M. Ackert, for cem- etery lot,	10.50
June 2,		Cash of Wm. B. Fenton, for cemetery lot, . .	10.00
Oct. 9,		Cash of Wm. K. Howard, for support of Mrs. Calk- ins,	36.22
Nov. 9,		Cash of Mrs. L. O. Ferry, for cemetery lot, . .	9.00
“ 9,		Cash of J. F. Converse, drain entrance. . . .	15.00
Dec. 6,		Corporation tax,	265.63
“ 6,		National Bank tax,	432.85
“ 6,		State Aid repaid,	102.00
“ 6,		Cash of Brookfield, for sup- port of Mrs. Freeman, . .	56.65
1887.			
Jan. 20,		Cash County Treasurer, dog tax,	96.35
“ 25,		Income School Fund,	313.16
“ 25,		Cash for medical inquest and burial,	15.00

March 2,	Cash of J. P. Webber, on tax of 1885,	\$1,433.33
“ 7,	Cash of J. P. Webber inter- est on taxes of 1885,	35.61
“ 7,	Cash of E. W. Carder, for rent of hall,	64.00
“ 7,	Cash for four Town histo- ries,	8.00
“ 7,	Cash of J. P. Webber, tax of 1886,	5,910.97
“ 7,	Cash of M. H. Baker, for plank, . . . . .	.50
		<hr/> \$11,334.22
1886.	Cr.	
Dec. 6,	By paid State tax,	\$ 435.00
	By paid orders, as follows :	
1887.		
March 7,	For Repair of Highways,	1,267.43
“ 7,	Repairs of Bridges,	215.05
“ 7,	Snow-paths,	106.17
“ 7,	Support of schools,	1,796.87
“ 7,	School-house repairs,	274.61
“ 7,	Support of paupers,	1,844.24
“ 7,	Officers' salaries,	770.17
“ 7,	Miscellaneous expenses,	1,464.82
	Balance in Treasurer's hands,	3,159.86
		<hr/> \$11,334.22

HENRY F. BROWN, *Treasurer.*

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

ASSETS.

Cash in the hands of the treasurer,	\$3,159.86
Due from Second Cong'l Church,	125.00
Due from State aid for soldiers	96.00
Due from Tax of 1885, uncollected,	10.88
Due from Tax of 1886, uncollected,	985.30
Bridge plank on hand,	45.00
	<hr/> \$4,422.04

LIABILITIES.

1887.

March 1, Due Electa Walker, on note, .	\$ 970.00	
Amos Munroe, on note, .	900.00	
Amos Munroe, int. to date,	7.50	
Palmer Savings Bank, on note,	1,000.00	
Palmer Savings Bank, int. to date,	6.67	
Public library not expended,	47.84	
Dog fund, not appropriated,	96.35	
Northampton Hospital, for Mrs. Calkins,	29.25	
State for C. D. Colgrove,	9.00	
H. F. Brown, salary as clerk,	18.33	
H. F. Brown, salary as treas- urer,	27.50	
M. H. Baker, services as selectman,	22.00	
F. R. Newton, services as selectman,	22.00	
D. W. Janes, services as selectmen,	22.50	
F. R. Newton, services as Forest fireward,	2.00	
D. W. Janes, services as registrar,	2.00	
Balance, assets over liabil- ities,	1,239.10	
	<hr/>	\$4,422.04

HARRIET ALLEN FUND.

Principal fund deposited in Springfield in- stitution for savings,	\$174.94	
Dividends to January 1, 1887,	9.68	
	<hr/>	\$184.62

This certifies that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, Road Commissioners, and Treas-

urer, for the year ending March 8, 1887, and find them correct, and the foregoing is our report thereof.

JAMES T. BROWN,
GEORGE M. HITCHCOCK,
MOSES H. BAKER,

Auditors.

INSURANCE ON TOWN PROPERTY.

Expires.	Name of Company.	Property.	Amount.	
Oct. 17, 1888.	Royal of Liverpool,	Town House,	\$1,650.00	
Oct. 17, 1888.	Royal of Liverpool,	Furniture, etc.,	850.00	
Oct. 17, 1888.	Hartford,	Town House,	1,650 00	
Oct. 17, 1888.	Hartford,	Furniture, etc ,	850.00	
Mar. 22, 1889.	Ins Co.of North Am.	Town House,	2,000.00	
			<hr/>	\$7,000.00
Jan. 20, 1891.	Ætna of Hartford,	Public Library,		1,500.00
Apr. 25, 1887.	Quincy Mutual,	Almshouse,	\$1,700.00	
Feb. 1, 1889.	Ætna of Hartford,	Almshouse,	700.00	
Feb. 1, 1889.	Ætna of Hartford,	Furniture,	400.00	
Feb. 1, 1889.	Ætna of Hartford,	Ice house,	100.00	
July 15, 1889.	Ætna of Hartford,	Almshouse barn,	1,800.00	
Dec. 1, 1889.	Phœnix, Brooklyn,	Hog house,	100.00	
Dec. 1, 1889.	Phœnix, Brooklyn,	Hay, grain,tools,	400.00	
Dec. 1, 1889.	Phœnix, Brooklyn,	Live stock,	500.00	
Dec. 1, 1891.			<hr/>	\$5,700.00
	Ætna of Hartford,	School-houseNo.1	\$2,700 00	
Aug. 8, 1889.	Ætna of Hartford	School-houseNo 2	1,000.00	
			<hr/>	\$3,700.00
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				\$17,900.00

Town Clerk's Report.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1886.

Date.	Bridegroom.	Residence.	Bride.	Residence.
March 27,	Edwin Sizer,	Wales,	Nellie Smith,	Wales.
May 19,	Patrick Cassidy	Brimfield,	Bridget McKay,	Brimfield.
July 15,	George E. Allen,	Brookfield,	Flora B. Coleman,	Brookfield.
Sept. 9,	John D. Rice,	Charlemont,	Mary L. Dix,	Whitingham, Vt.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1886.

Date.	Name of Child.	Sex	Names of Parents.
Jan. 29,	Maria Wizzard,	F.	Edward and Mary Wizzard.
Feb. 27,	Mary Ida Champaux,	F.	Joseph and Josephine Champaux.
Mar. 4,	William St. George,	M.	John and Alice St. George.
Mar. 16,	Nathena M. Hatch,	F.	James P. and Clara E. Hatch,
April 18,	Joseph A. Brodeau,	M.	Alexander and Maria Brodeau.
April 18,	George H. Brodeau,	M.	Alexander and Maria Brodeau.
May 19,	Joseph Loche,	M.	Francis and Catherine Loche.
June 10,	Bertha Lois Rice,	F.	Frederic J. and Jennie Rice,
June 11,	Olive Adelaide La Plant,	F.	Ezra and Delia La Plant.
July 3,	——— Freeman,	F.	Louis and Rosie Freeman.
July 3,	Mary C. Wizzard,	F.	Eliezer and Josephine Wizzard.
Aug. 1,	Felix Lafleur,	M.	Adolph and Catherine Lafleur.
Aug. 4,	Hattie Louisa Lumbard,	F.	Harry A. and Anna W. Lumbard.
Aug. 28,	Sarah Louise Sweet,	F.	Clifford A. and Jessie F. Sweet.
Sept. 9,	John Lewis McCrillis,	M.	Oren and Clara J. McCrillis.
Sept. 24,	——— Peloquin,	F.	Oliver and —— Peloquin.
Oct. 25,	Alta Frances Fenton,	F.	Frank W. and Adelaide E. Fenton.
Nov. 2,	Donald Washburn Sawin,	M.	Robert V. and Nettie E. Sawin.
Nov. 2,	Lena Ann Adams,	F.	Samuel H. and Augusta Adams.
Nov. 21,	Lydia Converse,	F.	John F. and Lizzie L. Converse.
Dec. 25,	William H. St. George,	M.	Joseph and Minnie St. George.

DEATHS RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1886.

Date.	Name.	Cause of Death.	Years.	Age. Mos.	Days.
Jan. 17,	Rosy M. Cassidy.	Lung fever,	75		
Feb. 26,	Mary E. Dummore,	Acute Septicæmia.	37	9	18
March 1,	Lucy M. Goodale,	Cerebral Hemorrhage,	71	3	11
March 24,	Azuba Shaw,	Lung fever,	86	9	4
April 8,	William Ferry,	Heart disease,	79	5	11

Date.	Name.	Cause of Death.	Age.		
			Years.	Mos.	Days.
May 21,	Nancy J. Allen,	Rheumatism,	57		9
July 2,	Lawson Kenney,	Anaemia,	74	5	29
July 3,	———Freeman,	Premature birth,			1
July 18,	Leonard Wilbur,	Epilepsy,	35	3	17
July 8,	Ruth R. Cortis,	Cancer,	50	6	22
Aug. 31,	Daniel Howard,	Heart disease,	74	3	4
Sept. 30,	Sarah H. Doane,	Consumption,	28	8	22
Oct. 13,	Abiram Holbrook,	Old age,	72	2	13
Oct. 19,	Edward P. Blodgett,	Pneumonia,	62	8	12
Dec. 17,	Laura Cutler,	Paralysis,	71	3	24
Dec. 22,	Daniel Roden,	Heart disease,	27		

OTHER DEATHS INTERRED IN BRIMFIELD.

Date.	Name.	Place of Death.	Age.		
			Years.	Mos.	Days.
March 13,	William D. Fenton,	Monson,	23	11	
March 26,	Ralph Buxton,	West Warren,			1
April 16,	Henry F. Webber,	Brookfield,	53		
July 5,	Hattie B. Williams,	Sturbridge,	23		
Sept. 9,	Everett J. Hirnes,	Brookfield,	23	5	9
Oct. 8,	Elijah T. Sherman,	New York, N. Y.	57	8	12
Oct. 31,	Lizzie M. Griggs,	Boston,	40		

HENRY F. BROWN,
Town Clerk.

Assessor's Report.

VALUATION OF BRIMFIELD 1886.

Value Real Estate,	\$390,980
Value Personal Estate,	89,940
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Total valuation,	\$480,920
Number of polls,	311
Tax on polls	\$2.00
Rate of tax, \$15 per	\$1,000
Money unsecured on mortgage,	4,000
Money on hand, including deposits, taxable stocks and bonds,	26,400
Number of horses,	240
Cows,	744
Sheep,	219
Neat cattle, others than cows,	457
Swine,	194
Dwelling houses,	240
Acres of land,	21,540
Tax payers,	410
Persons paying tax on property,	308
Persons paying poll tax only,	102
Non-resident tax payers,	75

ASSESSMENTS 1886.

State tax,	\$435.00
County tax,	606.00
Highways and tools,	1,200.00
Bridges,	300.00
Snow-paths,	200.00
Schools, etc.,	1,650.00
Repairs, school-houses,	100.00
Support of paupers,	1,575.00

Officers' salaries,	.	.	.	.	.	\$425.00
Discount on taxes,	.	.	.	.	.	300.00
State aid,	.	.	.	.	.	48.00
Interest on town debt,	165.00
Miscellaneous expenses,	600.00
Overlayings,	231.80
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Total town, county, and state tax,	\$7,835.80

ABATEMENTS ON TAX 1885.

Fred Ackhert,	\$2.00
Charles H. Allen,	.	.	.	.	.	3.74
Emil Brenner,	.	.	.	.	.	2.00
Charles W. Bacon,	.	.	.	.	.	2.00
William Ballou,	.	.	.	.	.	2.00
Michael Brosnehan	.	.	.	.	.	2.00
Alexander Boquet,	.	.	.	.	.	2.00
Frank Bailey,	.	.	.	.	.	2.00
William S. Cowdry,	.	.	.	.	.	2.00
Stephen Grady,	.	.	.	.	.	2.00
John Gilmore,	.	.	.	.	.	2.00
Morris Kamothe,	.	.	.	.	.	2.00
Philip Lafleure,	.	.	.	.	.	2.00
Charles Leno,	.	.	.	.	.	2.00
Henry Lapoint,	.	.	.	.	.	2.00
Albert Miller,	.	.	.	.	.	2.00
Henry B Moulton,	.	.	.	.	.	2.00
George Pease,	.	.	.	.	.	2.00
Herman Rosenback,	2.00
Joseph Russell,	2.00
Paul Shepard,	2.00
Henry A. Webber,	2.44
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Total,	\$46.18

SAMUEL W. BROWN,
JOHN SHANLY,
GEO. W. SHERMAN,
Assessors of Brimfield.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1887.

School Report.

For the past year the work in the schools has been generally satisfactory. During the spring and fall terms seven schools were supported ; while for the winter term it was deemed necessary to have eight.

We have been able to keep within the appropriations for the support of schools, yet we feel that any reduction in the amount raised for the coming year would not be wise. Whatever the amount appropriated, it is the endeavor of your committee to make use of the same with all the economy possible for the best good of the schools.

Therefore, we would respectfully ask that the same amounts be appropriated for the support of schools this coming year, viz.: Wages and board of teachers, fuel and care of school-houses, \$1,400 ; conveyance of pupils, text-books and school supplies, \$150 ; repairs of school-houses, \$100.

It has been our aim to combine the schools as much as possible. Most of our schools are quite small, and are every year becoming less. We appreciate all the difficulties attending the consolidation of these schools, yet if parents will only co-operate with the committee in this work, very satisfactory results can be reached. It is true that in a small school the scholars lack the enthusiasm found in the larger schools, and renders the school work of a lower order than it should be. Also, because of our small schools, another difficulty arises, which is to be greatly deplored. Having so many schools, our appropriation will not allow us to pay such wages as will retain teachers for a great length of time in any of the small schools. This constant changing of teachers is very detrimental to the success of our school system. We believe that with a hearty support in this matter, from the citizens of the town, we can have better teachers in

all our schools, the children will be more enthusiastic in their work, and altogether better schools will be the result.

We believe that too little interest is manifested in our schools by parents. They visit the schools very seldom, and we find on many registers hardly the name of a father or mother who has visited the school during the term. We wish you could fully realize what an encouraging effect it has upon your children to have you "come in" and hear what they are learning and see how they are doing their work. It is also a great help to the teacher, and a kindly word to her from you will often brighten a day which has, perhaps, seemed almost too full of the trials of the school-room. We request that parents exert themselves to visit the schools more frequently, and thus be a decided help in the education of their children.

The attendance of scholars is not what it should be in all the schools. We fear that too often scholars are allowed to remain out of school upon a mere pretext. This is certainly not right. Regular attendance should be insisted upon by parents as it is of the greatest importance. The loss of a single lesson can never be fully made up, and it is always very detrimental to a class to have some one always "just a little behind." No child should ever be absent from school but for the best of reasons.

The free text-book law has now been in operation for two and one-half years, and in a measure has proved beneficial, although an extra expense is imposed upon the town. Each pupil is now fully supplied with text-books, thus ensuring more even work throughout the whole school. Your committee have always made it a point to strongly impress on the minds of scholars the fact that the books are only loaned and that great care must be taken of them while in use. The older children have shown a disposition to do so, the greatest destruction having come from the little ones. Our teachers have displayed a willingness to assume this extra care, and have done well to preserve all school supplies, yet we would take this opportunity of again calling their attention to the fact that it is their duty to exercise the greatest care in the oversight of all school property. We find that desks in many of the houses are badly marred and cut. This is done in idle moments during school hours, and must be more carefully looked after by the teachers.

We wish to call your attention to one phase in school reading. The prescribed reading book is often soon read so thread-bare that the pupil loses all interest in the study. When this stage has been reached, teaching is up-hill work, and fresh reading matter is needed. To supply this need, supplementary reading has been used in some of the schools with good success ; scholars have been induced to read understandingly, and the lesson has not been a mere string of words. It is readily seen that one object to be attained in this study, is to cultivate a taste for reading, which may induce boys and girls to acquire the habit of reading so that when school days are over they can, by careful reading, do a great deal in the way of self education. With the abundance of excellent books now so easily obtained, very much home study can be done, and we ask that parents encourage their children in reading suitable books which can be obtained from the town library.

All our teachers have shown enthusiasm in their work, but many mistakes are made, perhaps in no way so much as in the teaching of the very little folks. The teaching of small children is of the utmost importance, and is too often neglected. The first impressions we receive are many times the strongest, so it is with little children and it is necessary that the care bestowed upon them shall be such as will prepare them for the studies to come. Much time should be devoted to them, but the recitations must be frequent and short, so that the mind of the child may not become tired. The ingenuity of the teacher should be taxed to the utmost in devising ways of interesting and teaching them. Too often we find that after the recitation the little ones are left to sit idly in their seats. It is a wearisome thing for them and it is no wonder that they learn to dislike school. A successful teacher should find something for them to do that will interest them and at the same time be a means to teach them.

Some years ago your School Committee adopted certain directions to teachers, quoted from Rules and Regulations of the East Saginaw (Mich.) Public Schools, and they are suggestions of so much value to teachers that we take this opportunity to once more publish them for the benefit of our teachers.

1. Never teach a definition till that which is to be defined has been clearly apprehended by the pupil.

2. The thing named should always be learned before the name.
3. A rule is the statement of a principle or process; the pupil should never be required to learn one, except as the best expression of what he already knows.
4. "Know thoroughly and familiarly whatever you would teach.
5. "Gain and keep the attention of your pupils, and excite their interest in the subject.
6. "Use language which your pupils fully understand, and clearly explain every new word required.
7. "Begin with what is already known, and proceed to the unknown by easy and natural steps.
8. "Excite the self-activities of the pupils, and lead them to discover the truth for themselves.
9. "Require pupils (better by writing), to re-state fully and correctly, in their own language, and with their own proofs and illustrations, the truths taught them.
10. "Teach only that which is practical and useful, and by the most approved methods; reject the mere theoretical and useless."

The schools for 1887-8 will commence as follows : Spring term, April 18; Fall term, August 29 ; Winter term, November 28.

THOMAS J. MORGAN,
 NEWTON S. HUBBARD,
 LOUIS S. BROWN,

School Committee.

Annual Reports.

Brimfield, Mass.

1888

REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF BRIMFIELD.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 7. 1888.

HOLYOKE, MASS.:
Transcript Publishing Company.
1888.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1887.

Clerk and Treasurer.

HENRY F. BROWN.

Selectmen.

OSCAR F. BROWN.

FRANK R. NEWTON.

JOSIAH STEBBINS.

Assessors.

SAMUEL W. BROWN.

JOHN SHANLEY.

GEO. W. SHERMAN.

Collector.

JONATHAN P. WEBBER.

Constables.

FRANCIS E. COOK.

ORRIN HICKS.

JOHN P. EASTMAN.

Sexton.

GEO. M. HITCHCOCK.

Road Commissioners.

MOSES H. BAKER, term ends 1888. NEWTON S. HUBBARD, term ends 1889.

SANFORD BOOTH, term ends 1890.

School Committee.

NEWTON S. HUBBARD, term ends 1888. LOUIS S. BROWN, term ends 1889.

ROBERT V. SAWIN, term ends 1890.

Overseers of Poor.

FRANCIS E. COOK, term ends 1888. SANFORD BOOTH, term ends 1889.

DAVID W. JANES, term ends 1890.

Library Directors.

LOUIS S. BROWN, term ends 1888. HENRY F. BROWN, term ends 1889.

CHARLES A. HOMER, term ends 1890.

Cemetery Committee.

GEO. M. HITCHCOCK.

FRANK R. NEWTON, term ends 1888.

EDWARD W. POTTER, term ends 1889.

Fence Viewers.

NEWTON S. HUBBARD.

JOSIAH STEBBINS.

WM. H. SHAW.

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber.

D. WINSLOW FOSKET.

THOMAS J. MORGAN.

ARTHUR J. DANIELS.

Auditors.

JAMES T. BROWN.

ORUS E. PARKER.

JAMES NOYES.

Field Drivers.

MOSES H. BAKER.

GEO. W. SHERMAN.

WM. H. LUMBARD.

NATHAN M. GOODALE.

JOSEPH M. ALLEN.

FRANK W. SHEPARD.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

APRIL 2d, 1888.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
HAMPDEN SS.

TO FRANCIS E. COOK, Constable of Brimfield, GREETING

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of Brimfield, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Brimfield, Monday, the Second day of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles:

FIRST. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

SECOND. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

THIRD. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year; also all committees and agents the business of the town may require. All officers required by law to be chosen by ballot (except Moderator and Town Clerk) must be on one ballot.

The Polls will be open at half-past ten o'clock, a. m., and may be closed at two o'clock, p. m.

FOURTH. To hear reports of officers and agents heretofore chosen by the town, and act thereon.

FIFTH. To raise money for the support of schools for the ensuing year.

SIXTH. To raise money for the support of highways, townways and bridges, and direct how the same shall be expended.

SEVENTH. To raise money for the payment of town debts, and to defray expenses for the ensuing year.

EIGHTH. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors, as revised by the Selectmen.

NINTH. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes of the current year, also to borrow money to renew, replace or pay any existing loan or loans, or any part thereof.

TENTH. To see if the town will allow a discount on taxes if paid within certain periods, or act thereon.

ELEVENTH. To see what disposition the town will make of their dog fund, or act thereon.

TWELFTH. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use the means for collecting taxes which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed collector.

THIRTEENTH. To see if the town will cause to be printed the reports of their town officers and agents, or any part of the same.

FOURTEENTH. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any money for State aid.

FIFTEENTH. To see what sum of money (if any) the town will appropriate for Decoration day.

SIXTEENTH. To see if the town will take any measures to provide water closets for the Town Hall.

SEVENTEENTH. To see if the town will revoke the vote of April 2d, 1883 accepting the provisions of Sections 69, 70, 72 and 73 of Chapter 27 of the Public Statutes in relation to Overseers of the Poor.

EIGHTEENTH. To see if the town will revoke the vote of April 3d, 1882, accepting the provisions of Chapter 158 Acts of 1871 in relation to Road Commissioners.

NINETEENTH. To see if the town will discontinue the town-way leading from the house of Patrick Casidy to the house of John McIntire, or act thereon.

TWENTIETH. To see if the town will discontinue the town-way leading from the Gardner place, so called, past school-house No. 3 to the road leading Southerly from Fosket's Mills, or any part of the same.

TWENTY-FIRST. To see if the town will take any measures to rebuild the bridges known as the Fenton and Nutting bridges, or to petition the County Commissioners to discontinue the same and so much of the roads connected therewith as thereby would not be required.

TWENTY-SECOND. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to contract for the care of the Common for a term of years, or act thereon.

TWENTY-THIRD. To bring in their votes (Yes or No) upon the question "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town."

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, one at the Center Post Office, and by mailing a copy to the Post Office at East Brimfield, and by mailing or otherwise sending a copy to Fosket's Mills, and to the Depot at West Brimfield seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said Brimfield, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Tenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

OSCAR F. BROWN,
FRANK R. NEWTON,
JOSIAH STEBBINS,

Selectmen of Brimfield.

Town Treasurer's Report.

Of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of Brimfield for
the year ending March 7, 1888.

TOWN DEBT AND BILLS FOR 1886-'87.

APPROPRIATION.

Cash in Treasurer's hands, balance March		
8, 1887,	\$3,159.86	
Balance of tax of 1886 uncollected,	985.30	
	<u> </u>	\$4,145.16

PAYMENTS.

FOR HIGHWAY REPAIRS.

1887			
July 4, Paid John S. Needham,	\$1.00		
	<u> </u>		\$1.00

FOR SNOW PATHS.

May 2, Paid John Haley,	\$3.98		
1888			
Feb. 6, M. H. Baker,	1.50		
	<u> </u>		\$5.48

FOR OFFICERS' SALARIES.

SELECTMEN.

1887			
April 4, Paid M. H. Baker,	\$22.00		
	F. R. Newton,	22.00	
	D. W. Janes,	22.50	

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

April 4,	Paid D. W. Janes,	.	.	\$2.00
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FOREST FIREWARDS.

April 4, Paid F. R. Newton,	.	.	\$2.00
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TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER.

April 4, Paid Henry F. Brown, . . . \$45.83

AUDITORS.

April 4, Paid Moses H. Baker, . . . \$2.00

May 2,	George M. Hitchcock,	2.00
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\$120,33

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE.

April 4, Paid F. R. Newton, for postage paid, .63

D. W. Janes, telephone, .35

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TOWN DEBT AND INTEREST.

1887

April 4, Paid Elesta Walker, note, . \$970.00

“	“	Interest on above,	.	.	4.45
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“ “	Amos Munroe, note,	. 900.00
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“	“	Interest on above,	.	.	11.25
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Aug. 1,	Palmer Savings Bank, int. .	20.30
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Oct. 3,	Palmer Savings Bank, note,	1000.00
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“ “	Interest on above, . . .	8.33
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\$2,915.31

Total payments,	.	\$3,042.12
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Balance unexpended,	.	.	.	1,103.04
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Transfer for Bridges,	.	.	.	\$154.22
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Transfer for Schools,	.	.	.	45.49
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Transfer for Salaries,	.	.	,	48.10
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Transfer for Paupers,	.	.	.	279.33.
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\$527.14

Balance unexpended,	\$575.90
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EXPENDITURES FOR 1887-8.

FOR HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation, \$1,200.00

SECTION OF M. H. BAKER.

1887.

June 6,	Paid I. W. Pratt,	\$ 15.00	
July 4,	I. W. Pratt,	94.76	
Aug. 1,	Frank R. Newton,	19.72	
Oct. 3,	Moses H. Baker,	145.84	
Nov. 7,	Frank R. Newton,	30.03	
“ 7,	Moses H. Baker,	43.40	
Dec. 5,	Moses H. Baker,	10.36	
“ 5,	Frank R. Newton,	2.72	

1888.

Feb. 6,	I. W. Pratt,	30.55	\$392.38
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SECTION OF NEWTON S. HUBBARD.

1887.

June 6,	Paid Newton S. Hubbard,	\$ 54.40	
“ 6,	Henry Blodgett,	49.00	
July 4,	John Haley,	35.50	
“ 4,	Edward B. Brown,	66.75	
Sept. 5,	Charles Jennings, sewer pipe,	18.80	
“ 5,	Newton S. Hubbard,	91.80	
Dec. 5,	Newton S. Hubbard,	5.00	
“ 5,	Newton S. Hubbard, salary,	7.00	\$328.25

SECTION OF SANFORD BOOTH.

June 6,	Paid Sanford Booth,	\$ 3.00
July 4,	Patrick White,	77.75
“ 4,	Sanford Booth,	35.58
“ 4,	Sanford Booth,	39.75
Oct. 3,	Sanford Booth,	102.20
Nov. 7,	Sanford Booth,	17.25
“ 7,	Sanford Booth,	10.48

Dec. 5,	Paid Benj. B. Fenton,	.	.	\$11.25	
" 5,	Sanford Booth,	.	.	3.55	
1888.					
Mar. 5,	Sanford Booth,	.	.	3.50	
" 5,	John S. Needham,	.	.	5.70	\$310.01
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					\$1,030.64
	Balance Unexpended,	.	.		\$169.36

SPECIFIC REPAIRS ON THE PALMER ROAD AS ORDERED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

APPROPRIATION.

So much of Corporation and Bank tax as required, viz : \$631.85

PAYMENTS.

1887.					
June 6,	Paid Sanford Booth,	.	.	\$323.24	
July 4,	Sanford Booth,	.	.	182.78	
Oct. 3,	Sanford Booth,	.	.	43.80	
Nov. 7,	Sanford Booth,	.	.	38.10	
Dec. 5,	N. S. Hubbard, for services,			5.18	
" 5,	Sanford Booth,	.	.	3.00	
1888.					
Jan. 2,	William B. Fenton, for gravel				
	and axe,	.	.	20.75	
Mar. 5,	George F. Holdridge, gravel,			15.00	<hr/>
					\$631.85

FOR SUPPORT OF BRIDGES.

Appropriation,	.	.	.	\$200.00	
Transfer from tax of 1886,	.	.	.	154.22	\$354.22

PAYMENTS.

1887.					
June 6,	Paid Henry Blodgett,	.	.	\$ 8.00	
July 4,	Thomas J. Morgan,	.	.	9.25	

July 4,	Paid Sanford Booth,	.	.	\$6.10	
Aug. 1,	Frank R. Newton,	.	.	1.80	
Oct. 3,	Joseph Heritage,	.	.	7.13	
" 3,	Thompson Brothers,	.	.	63.75	
" 3,	Sanford Booth,	.	.	51.50	
" 3,	John Himes,	.	.	3.80	
Nov. 7,	Frank R. Newton,	.	.	37.37	
" 7,	Thomas A. Harwood,	.	.	7.00	
" 7,	Fosket & Holbrook,	.	.	14.37	
1888.					
Mar. 5,	Sanford Booth,	.	.	14.87	
" 5,	Sanford Booth,	.	.	14.05	
" 5,	Sanford Booth,	.	.	23.80	
" 5,	Town of Palmer, for river				
	bridges,	.	.	11.69	
" 5,	D. W. Janes, bridge timber,			54.44	
" 5,	James Harvey, for work on				
	mill-dam bridge,	.	.	12.00	
" 5,	John S. Needham,	.	.	13.30	
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					\$354.22

FOR SNOW PATHS.

Appropriation,	\$200.00
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PAYMENTS

1887.					
May 2,	Paid Josiah Stebbins,	.	.	\$2.03	
June 6,	Newton S. Hubbard,	.	.	1.90	
1888.					
Mar. 5,	Frank R. Newton,	.	.	.90	
" 5,	John S. Needham,	.	.	1.05	\$5.88
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Balance Unexpended,	.	.	.		\$194.12

REPORT ON GUIDE POSTS.

The total number maintained by the town the past year was twenty-five. Some are in good condition others want to be newly painted or replaced with new ones. We would recom-

mend that iron boards be put in the place of these old wood ones. For the location of the boards we will refer you to the report of 1886.

We would recommend that eight new ones be erected and located as follows: One near house of John W. Lawrence ; two near hotel of Amos Munroe ; one near house of E. C. Marsh ; two near school house No. 2 ; two near farm of John W. Draper.

M. H. BAKER,

Road Commissioner.

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

APPROPRIATIONS.

For wages and board of teachers, fuel and care of School houses,	\$1,300.00	
For conveyance of pupils, text books and school supplies,	100.00	
For salaries of School Committee,	100.00	
Income Mass. School Fund,	311.85	—————
		\$1,811.85
Transfer from tax of 1886,		45.49
		—————
		\$1,857.34

Paid for wages and board of teachers, for fuel and care of School houses, for the year ending March 7 1888.

Names of Teachers.	No. of School.	Wages for Summer Term.	Wages for Fall Term.	Wages for Winter Term.	Fuel and Care of Houses.	Total.
Martha E. Stone,	1	\$72.00	\$81.00	\$81.00		
Lena R. Miller,	1			27.00	\$30.60	\$291.60
Ada M. Blodgett,	2	72.00	72.00	96.00	29.99	269.99
Fannie B. Gates,	3	63.00	63.00	84.00	12.00	222.00
Katy M. Dunsmore,	4	49.50			1.00	50.50
Nora C. Burns,	5	54.00	66.00	60.00	21.00	201.00
Clara L. Green,	6	54.00				
Town of Warren,	6		33.00	27.00	1.50	115.50
Lillian M. Brown,	7	45.00	45.00	55.00	23.50	168.50
Bessie F. Brown,	8		45.00	66.00	12.75	123.75
No school.	9					
Lizzie P. Knowlton,	10	63.00	63.00	84.00	7.00	217.00
		\$472.50	\$468.00	\$580.00	\$139.84	\$1659.84

FOR TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

1887

June 6,	Paid D. Appleton & Co.,	\$10.00
“ 6,	Boston School Supply Co.,	40.25
“ 4,	Louis S. Brown, express on books,	1.15
Nov. 7,	“ “ “ “	1.15
Dec. 5,	Louis S. Brown, express and ink,	.85
“ 5,	Boston School Supply Co.,	19.27
“ 5,	John F. Converse, for supplies,	1.83

1888

Feb. 6,	A. J. Daniels, for ink,	50
Mar. 5,	Louis S. Brown, blank book	
	and ink,	2.00
Mar. 5,	Lee & Shepard, for books,	6.00
“ 5,	Boston School Supply Co.,	33.50
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		\$116.50

FOR CONVEYANCE OF PUPILS.

Mar. 5, Paid Thomas C. Blashfield, . . .	\$5.00	
	<hr/>	\$5.00

FOR SALARIES OF COMMITTEE.

1887

July 4, Paid Louis S. Brown, . . .	\$ 9.00	
Nov. 7, R. V. Sawin, . . .	17.00	
Dec. 5, N. S. Hubbard, . . .	19.00	

1888

Mar. 5, Louis S. Brown, . . .	11.00	
" 5, R. V. Sawin, . . .	20.00	
	<hr/>	\$76.00

Total payments for schools, . . .		\$1857.34
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OUTSTANDING BILLS.

Due A. J. Daniels, . . .	\$ 4.25	
Due N. S. Powers, for wood, . . .	20.00	
	<hr/>	\$24.25

Total expense for schools, . . .		\$1881.59
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FOR REPAIR OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Appropriation, . . .	\$100.00
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1887

Nov. 7, Paid Louis S. Brown, for Nos.	
3, 7 and 10, . . .	\$ 1.85
" 7, Clifford A. Sweet, for Nos.	
1, 3, 7 and 10, . . .	54.73
" 7, William H. Green, for No.	
6, . . .	2.00
Dec. 5, Louis S. Brown, for No. 1,	7.19
" 5, Frank R. Newton, . . .	1.00

Dec. 5, 1888	Paid John F. Converse,	.	\$6.85	
Mar. 5,	Ada M. Blodgett, for paid			
	C. Scarborough,	.	30	
" 5,	Nora C. Burns, for dipper,			
	etc., No. 5,	.	45	
" 5,	Louis S. Brown, for No. 3,		1.20	
			<hr/>	\$75.57
	Balance unexpended,	.	.	\$24.43

OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Appropriation,	.	.	\$500.00	
Transfer from tax of 1886,	.	.	48.10	
			<hr/>	\$548.10

SELECTMEN.

1887

April 4,	Paid Frank R. Newton,	.	\$1.00	
" "	David W. Janes,	.	2.00	
" "	Moses H. Baker,	.	1.00	

1888

Mar. 5,	Oscar F. Brown,	.	18.00	
" "	Frank R. Newton,	.	18.00	
" "	Josiah Stebbins,	.	21.00	
			<hr/>	\$61.00

ASSESSORS.

1887.

Sept. 5,	Paid Samuel W. Brown,	.	\$30.00	
" "	George W. Sherman,	.	32.00	
" "	John Shanly,	.	28.00	
			<hr/>	\$90.00

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

1887.

April 4,	Paid Frank R. Newton,	.	\$5.00	
" "	David W. Janes,	.	1.00	
" "	Moses H. Baker,	.	5.00	

1888.

Feb. 6,	Paid Frank R. Newton,	.	.	\$5.00	
Mar. 5,	Oscar F. Brown,	.	.	4.00	
" "	Josiah Stebbins,	.	.	3.00	
" "	Henry F. Brown,	.	.	5.00	
				<hr/>	\$28.00

JANITOR.

Paid E. W. Carder, years salary,	.	.	\$100.00	
			<hr/>	\$100.00

COLLECTOR.

1888.

Mar. 5,	Paid, Jonathan P. Webber, for bal-				
	ance tax 1886,	.	.	\$20.00	
" "	Jonathan P. Webber, collect-				
	ing 7-8 tax 1887,	.	.	40.00	
				<hr/>	\$60.00

TOWN CLERK.

1888.

Mar. 5,	Paid Henry F. Brown, fees for				
	Births, etc.,	.	.	\$14.60	
" "	Henry F. Brown, salary as				
	Clerk,	.	.	20.00	
				<hr/>	\$34.60

LIBRARIAN.

Paid Louis S. Brown, years salary,	.	.	50.00	
			<hr/>	\$50.00

CONSTABLE.

1888.

Jan. 2,	Paid Francis E. Cook,	.	.	\$7.00	
				<hr/>	\$7.00

SEXTON.

1887

May 2,	Paid George M. Hitchcock,	.	.	\$12.00	
July 4,	George M. Hitchcock,	.	.	9.00	
Oct. 3,	George M. Hitchcock,	.	.	11.00	
Dec. 5,	George M. Hitchcock,	.	.	9.00	
				<hr/>	\$41.00

TOWN TREASURER.

1888

Mar. 5,	Paid Henry F. Brown, year's salary,	\$30.00
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AUDITORS.

1887

April 4,	Paid Moses H. Baker,	\$13.00	
" "	James T. Brown,	9.00	
May 2,	George M. Hitchcock,	14.00	
		<hr/>	\$35.00

FOREST FIREWARDS.

1888

Feb. 6,	Paid Frank R. Newton,	\$4.50
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BOARD OF HEALTH.

1888

Feb. 6,	Paid Frank R. Newton,	\$6.00
	Total payments,	<hr/> \$548.10

FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.

Appropriation,	\$1550.00
Transfer from tax of 1886,	279.33
	<hr/> \$1,829.33

PAYMENTS.

Paid orders on bills approved by the Overseers of Poor for 1887-8; for account thereof see settlement with Overseers of Poor. Amount,	\$1,829.33
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Unpaid Bills :

Due Northampton Hospital for Mrs. Calkins,	\$29.25
Due State for C. D. Colgrove,	9.00
Due N. S. Powers for Mrs. E Powers,	13.00

Due J. F. Converse for Miss Carroll,	\$4.90	
Due Town of Monson for Sarah J.	.	
Dimick,	18.62	
	<hr/>	\$74.77
Total of bills paid and unpaid,		\$1,904.10
To the above add the products of the farm,		593.39
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Making the total cost of support of poor,		\$2,497.49

FOR MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES.

Appropriation,	\$600.00
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PAYMENTS.

1887

May 2,	Paid E. Fairbanks, for fence wire,	\$ 5.60
" "	Loomis & Dwight, printing	
	town reports,	38.38
" "	George M. Hitchcock, plank,	
	etc., cemetery,	2.25
June 6,	H. V. Sawin, M. D., examin-	
	ing cattle,	3.00
" "	B. E. Sibley, forest fire, . .	1.00
" "	Henry F. Brown, for fence	
	wire,	2.57
" "	J. D. Gill, books for asses-	
	sors,	6.10
July 4,	Frank R. Newton, building	
	wire fence,	3.15
" "	George W. Sherman, mowing	
	common,	2.00
" "	Frank R. Newton, clearing	
	walks,	3.18
Aug. 1,	Powers Paper Co, for paper,	3.52
" "	Springfield Printing Co.,	
	binding records,	6.00
" "	Wm. H. Lumbard, mowing	
	cemetery,	15.00

Aug. 1,	Paid Jona. P. Webber, paid for tax bills,	\$2.50	
" "	Loomis Bros., desk chair, .	2.50	
Sept. 5,	S. W. Brown, postage paid,	1.00	
" "	Louis S. Brown, postage and express,	1.15	
Oct. 3,	F. E. Cook, mowing ceme- tery,	10.00	
" "	C. A. Sweet, work at ceme- tery,	3.49	
Nov. 7,	Wm. Bloomer, damage on highway,	3.00	
Dec. 5, 1888	Louis Brown, record book,	1.00	
Jan. 2,	Charles S. Tarbell, painting ladders,	1.50	
" "	F. R. Newton, for paid Dr. E. C. Vinton,	1.00	
" "	E. C. Vinton, examining Booth's cattle,	10.00	
Feb. 6,	C. A. Brown, tin box for bills,	1.25	
" "	C. W. Bryan & Co, for print- ing,	7.25	
Mar. 5,	H. F. Brown, express, pos- tage paid,	12.29	
" "	H. F. Brown, copying and indexing records,	30.00	
" "	Oscar F. Brown, cash paid for team,	1.50	
" "	F. R. Newton,	90	
		<hr/>	\$181.98

FOR TOWN HOUSE.

1887

June 6,	Paid Meekins, Packard & Co., curtains for library,	\$6.37
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July 4,	Paid E. W. Carder, cleaning town hall,	\$2.25	
Sept. 5,	Thompson Bros., for stone work,	22.75	
" "	E. W. Carder, ladder and labor,	2.25	
" "	F. R. Newton, work at town house,	9.00	
" "	F. R. Newton, work on hitching posts,	2.40	
Oct. 3,	E. W. Carder, paid for repairs on clock,	75	
" "	C. A. Sweet, mason work,	11.95	
" "	John Himes, tending mason,	1.80	
" "	B. E. Sibley, " "	3.00	
" "	M. H. Baker, posts at Town House,	4.20	
Nov. 7,	F. F. Marcy, boards for Town House,	5.92	
" "	Josiah Stebbins, work at Town House,	4.00	
" "	Wilbur G. Parker, wood for Town House,	13.50	
Dec. 5,	F. R. Newton, grading about posts,	10.92	
1888			
Jan. 2,	J. W. Morgan, varnishing in library,	1.50	
" "	Joshua Freeman, wood for Town House,	26.57	
" "	Wm. J. Brown, stone for Town House,	6.35	
" "	Wm. J. Brown, sawing wood for Town House,	8.00	
Mar. 5,	J. F. Lumbard, drawing boards, . . . . .	.50	
" "	Otto Shaffer, sawing wood,	1.25	
" "	John F. Converse, mdse.,	9.45	
		<hr/>	\$154.68

FOR TAX ABATEMENTS.

1887

Sept. 5, Paid J. P. Webber, tax of Lydia
McNally, . . . \$145.00

1888

Mar. 5, J. P. Webber, abatements,
tax of 1886, . . . 41.95

\$186.95

Total payments, . . . 523.61

Balance unexpended, . . . 76.39

FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY.

APPROPRIATION.

Unexpended balance of 1885-6, . . . \$47.84

Dog Fund for 1886, . . . 96.35

\$144.19

PAYMENTS.

1887

June 6, Paid Louis S. Brown, cost U. S.
Map, . . . \$1.58

“ “ Louis S. Brown, express,57

“ “ O. P. Allen, for magazines, . . . 3.10

July 4, Mt. Holyoke Seminary, for
History, . . . 2.00

Aug. 1, O. P. Allen, for magazines, . . . 12.20

Sept. 5, North Brookfield, for His-
tory, . . . 4.00

Oct. 3, Laughton, Macdonald & Co.,
for books, . . . 58.30

Nov. 7, Laughton, Macdonald & Co.,
for books, . . . 2.50

“ “ O. P. Allen for magazines, . . . 8.60

Mar. 5, Louis S. Brown, for express, . . . 1.25

“ “ Laughton, Macdonald & Co.,
for books, . . . 54.84

\$148.94

Payments over appropriation, . . . 4.75

\$144.19

FOR STATE AID.

APPROPRIATION.

By tax,	\$ 50.00	
The amount repaid by the State,	105.00	
	<hr/>	\$155.00

PAYMENTS.

Paid Elmer W. Carder,	\$60.00	
“ Alonzo Allen,	50.00	
“ Harlow B. Kibbie,	24.00	
“ Mary J. Wilcott,	40.00	
	<hr/>	\$174.00
Payment over appropriation,		19.00
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		\$155.00

FOR TOWN DEBT AND INTEREST.

By tax for Interest,	\$ 50.00	
June 1, Borrowed in anticipation of taxes,	1,000.00	
July 1, Borrowed in anticipation of taxes,	1,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,050.00

PAYMENTS.

Aug. 1, Paid Hampden Savings Bank interest,	\$ 10.00	
1888.		
Feb. 6, Hampden Savings Bank note,	1,000.00	
“ “ Hampden Savings Bank interest,	41.38	
	<hr/>	\$1,051.38
Balance unexpended,		<hr/>
		\$998.62

AGGREGATES.

Total appropriation viz.,	
For Miscellaneous purposes,	\$600.00
“ Public Library,	144.19

For State Aid,	\$155.00	
“ Interest on town debt,	50.00	
Money borrowed in anticipation of taxes,	2,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,949.19

PAYMENTS.

For Miscellaneous purposes,	\$523.61	
“ Public Library,	148.94	
“ State Aid,	174.00	
“ Town Debt and Interest,	1,051.38	
	<hr/>	\$1,897.93
Balance unexpended,		<hr/> \$1,051.26

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1887-8.

	Appropriation.	Payments.
For Repairs of Highways,	\$1,200.00	\$1,030.64
For specific repairs on Palmer road,	631.85	631.85
Bridges,	200.00	354.22
Snow paths,	200.00	5.88
Schools,	\$1,300.00	
Income of School fund,	311.85	1,659.84
For Conveyance of pupils, text books,		
etc.,	100.00	121.50
Salaries of School Committee,	100.00	76.00
Repairs of School houses,	100.00	75.57
Support of Paupers and Overseers' salaries,	1,550.00	1,829.33
Officer's salaries,	500.00	548.10
Discount on taxes,	300.00	306.54
State Aid	\$ 50.00	
State Aid repaid,	105.00	174.00
For miscellaneous expenses,	600.00	523.61
Interest on Town debt,	50.00	51.38
Public Library,	144.19	148.94
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	\$7,442.89	\$7,537.40
Payment over Appropriations,	\$95.51	

TOTAL PAYMENTS DURING THE YEAR UNDER
EACH CLASS OF EXPENDITURES.

For Highways, bills of 1886-7,	. \$	1.00	
Highways, bills of 1887-8,	.	1,030.64	
Specific repairs for 1887-8,	.	631.85	\$1,663.49
Bridges, 1887-8,	.	354.22	354.22
Snow paths, 1886-7,	.	5.48	
Snow paths, 1887-8,	.	5.88	11.36
Schools,	.	1,857.34	1,857.34
School-house repairs, 1887-8,	.	75.57	75.57
Suppors of Paupers, 1887-8,	.	1,829.33	1,829.33
Salaries of officers, 1886-7,	.	120.33	
Salaries of officers, 1887-8,	.	548.10	668.43
State aid. 1887-8,	.	174.00	174.00
Public Library,	.	148.94	148.94
Miscellaneous expenses, 1886-7,	.	.98	
Miscellaneous expenses, 1887-8,	.	523.61	524.59
Interest on Town debt, 1887-8,	.	51.38	51.38
Town debt and interest, 1886-7,	.	2,914.33	
Town debt, 1887-8,	.	1,000.00	3,914.33
		<u>\$11,272.98</u>	<u>\$11,272.98</u>

ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR, TO MARCH, 1889.

For Highways,	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,200.00
Bridges,	.	.	.	.	.	200.00
Snow paths,	.	.	.	.	.	200.00
Schools.	.	.	.	.	.	1,300.00
Conveyance of pupils, text books						
and supplies,	.	.	.	.	.	100.00
Salaries of school committee,	.	.				100.00
Repairs on school houses,	.	.				150.00
Support of paupers,	.	.	.	.	.	1,500.00
Officers' salaries,	.	.	.	.	.	500.00
Discount on taxes,	300.00
Miscellaneous expenses,	600.00
Interest on town debt,	50.00
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						\$6,200.00

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN OF SETTLEMENT WITH THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Overseers of Poor in account with the Town of Brimfield.

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1887. To receipts by Warden :

	Received for butter sold, . . .	\$11.57
	for rye straw, . . .	14.00
Mar. 14,	of M. H. Corbin, for calf, . . .	1.03
	for plowing garden and of peddler, . . .	1.05
May 12,	for pork,	31.25
June 8,	for tallow,	1.64
“ 12,	for seed corn and boards, . . .	.38
“ 23,	of J. C. Spring, for calves, . . .	15.32
July 1,	of M. H. Corbin, for calf, . . .	21.63
Sept. 12,	of G. L. Plympton, for board, . . .	38.00
“ 17,	of Barlow, for two pigs, . . .	8.00
“ 17,	of J. W. Browning, for pig, . . .	3.25
Oct. 24,	for old iron,	1.12
“ 27,	of E. W. Hitchcock, for beef, . . .	33.60
“ “	of J. A. Plimpton, for produce, . . .	35.61
Nov. 4,	of F. W. Fenton, for calf, . . .	8.85
“ 8,	of peddler and for milk, . . .	.75
“ “	of D. L. Griggs, for pork, . . .	14.35
1888		
Jan. 2,	for eggs,	1.14
“ “	of S. H. LaClair, for pork, . . .	35.84
“ “	for yoke of oxen,	135.00
“ “	of Tyler & Town, for produce, . . .	4.57
“ “	of A. B. Chamberlain, “ . . .	58.11
“ “	of J. A. Plimpton, for provis'ns, . . .	5.53
“ “	E. A. Rice, for eggs,	2.21
“ “	for meadow hay,	7.25
“ “	for potatoes and buckwheat, . . .	1.80
“ “	of H. Shaw, for straw,	4.20
Feb. 29,	of F. Wight, for squashes and chickens,	7.87

Feb. 29,	of E. W. Potter, for sand, . . .	\$1.00
“ “	of G. M. Stowell, for pork, . . .	7.84
“ “	for work and use of team, . . .	7.00
“ “	of J. B. Gould, for hay, . . .	2.78
“ “	of E. Fairbanks, for eggs, . . .	4.20
“ “	of E. Fairbanks, for butter, . . .	58.82
“ “	of John F. Converse, for eggs, . . .	2.24
“ “	of E. W. Hitchcock, for beets and carrots,	4.62

Total receipts for products and articles sold
from the farm, \$593.39

To cash advanced by orders on the Town
Treasurer, 1829.33

Total, \$2,422.72

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1887. Payments by Warden:

Mar. 2,	Paid J. H. Plimpton balance of acct.	\$.38
“ 8,	for 1 barrel of flour, . . .	5.70
Apr. 11,	for shoes for Mrs. Fuller, . . .	1.25
“ 15,	J. J. H. Gregory for seeds and express,	3.22
“ “	Brooks Bros., for plow castings,	3.50
“ “	for shoes for Nellie Ryder, . . .	1.75
“ 30,	for seed corn,	1.10
“ “	for land side for plow, . . .	1.10
“ “	for paint for floors,	1.89
May 13,	for corn planter,	3.50
“ 18,	F. Wright for crackers, . . .	3.67
June 5,	for soap,	3.00
“ 10,	for pump,	1.50
“ 22,	for Buckeye mower,	45.00
“ “	for crackers,	3.07
July 4,	P. A. Parker,	7.00
“ 8,	O. E. Parker for buckwheat, . . .	1.10

July 4,	Paid for repair of harness,	.	\$1.15
" 16,	for coat for Crouch,	.	1.00
" "	for repair of machine,	.	1.30
" 20,	Moore for fish,	.	4.04
" 25,	J. B. Gould for meal, etc.,		20.00
Aug. 9,	for crackers,	.	1.29
" 17,	for expenses to Brockton,	.	7.90
" 29,	E. E. Tarbell, for wagon repairs,	.	2.68
Sept. 5,	for pants,	.	3.00
" 16,	Fosket & Holbrook, for plough,	.	10.50
" "	John Himes for repairs,	.	1.00
Oct. 5,	Moore for fish,	.	5.00
" 11,	for shoes for Mrs. Bradley,	.	2.00
" "	F. Wight for crackers,	.	5.37
" 21,	C. Newton for running line on wood lot,	.	1.00
" 24,	J. B. Gould for meal, etc.,		28.79
" "	S. Wetherbee for clothing,		7.12
" "	G. H. Rand, for soap,	.	4.50
" 27,	E. W. Hitchcock for meat,		48.14
" "	for 20 lbs. of soap,	.	1.00
" 28,	for grass seed,	.	1.65
" "	J. C. Spring for pasturing cattle,	.	16.50
Nov. 4,	F. W. Fenton for meat,	.	8.68
" 9,	E. Livermore for shoes,	.	3.36
" 9,	for pants for Crouch,	.	1.00
" 21,	for doors for set kettle,	.	1.00
" "	for lock,	.	1.00
Dec. 15,	for mending shoes,	.	2.21
" "	S. Wetherbee, for clothing,		4.90
1888			
Jan. 2,	J. H. & L. D. Clemence, for windows and express,	.	3.95
" "	for newspaper,	.	1.75
" 14,	Crawford, for sawing,	.	5.28

Jan. 14,	Paid for mending sleigh and harness,	\$ 2.60	
" "	S. McDonald, for oxen,	125.00	
" "	F. H. Moor, for fish,	4.10	
" "	J. B. Gould, for meal,	9.00	
" "	Tyler & Town, for goods,	6.38	
" "	A. B. Chamberlain, for goods	63.04	
" "	E. A. Rice for hardware,	4.78	
" "	P. A. Parker, for sundries,	5.50	
Feb. 29,	F. Wight, for crackers,	10.57	
" "	E. W. Potter, for black-smithing,	7.75	
" "	G. M. Stowell, for black-smithing,	17.40	
	for 44 sundry articles bought during the year,	23.89	
	E. Fairbanks, for goods,	63.02	
	John F. Converse, for goods,	2.24	
	E. W. Hitchcock, for meat,	4.62	
	for cheese,	2.88	
		<hr/>	\$648.56

PAID FOR LABOR.

1887

April 1,	Paid C. Wells, for chopping,	\$31.00	
	Mrs. T. Graves,	42.00	
	Mrs. J. A. Plimpton,	3.65	
	J. A. Plimpton,	142.50	
	A. Kyte,	30	
	W. Leno,	6.55	
	J. Leno,	26.00	
	F. E. Cook,	8.50	
	G. L. Plimpton,	68.75	
	T. Donovan,	6.00	
	Baldwin, for threshing,	4.08	
	H. White,	1.00	
	for cutting and drawing ice,	13.40	
	for salary of Warden,	375.00	
		<hr/>	\$728.73

BILLS PAID BY ORDER ON THE TOWN TREASURER.

1887.

May 2,	To Northampton Hospital for Mrs.	
	Calkins,	\$41.79
" "	R. V. Sawin for medical service,	8.00
" "	F. E. Cook for expenses to	
	Brockton,	8.40
June 6,	State for C. Colgrove,	12.86
" "	Ladd Bros. for insurance,	20.40
July 4,	G. M. Hitchcock for fertilizer,	11.40
" "	John F. Converse for mdse.,	50.35
" "	A. G. Lamb for Hitchcock	
	children,	23.10
Aug. 1,	Northampton Hospital for Mrs.	
	Calkins,	42.25
Sept. 5,	N. Moulton, for Chas. Moulton,	17.00
" "	F. E. Cook expenses to Brock-	
	ton,	7.05
" "	State for C. D. Colgrove,	6.29
Oct. 3,	John F. Converse, for Miss	
	Carroll,	17.70
" "	John F. Converse, for mdse.,	44.12
" "	City of Brockton, for Dearth	
	family,	153.24
" "	A. G. Lamb, for Hitchcock	
	children,	12.55
Nov. 7,	R. V. Sawin, M. D. salary to	
	Oct. 1,	15.00
" "	F. E. Cook, for expenses for	
	paupers,	6.00
" "	Northampton Hospital for Mrs.	
	Calkins,	42.72
" "	State for C. D. Colgrove,	13.14
Dec. 5,	N. S. Powers, for Mrs. Eli	
	Powers,	45.77
" "	John F. Converse, for mdse.,	28.99

Dec. 5,	Paid John F. Converse, for Miss Carroll,	\$15.20
1888.		
Jan. 2,	N. Moulton, for Chas. Moulton,	16.00
" "	City of Brockton for Dearth family,	37.50
" "	F. E. Cook, expenses on pauper cases,	2.07
Feb. 6,	F. E. Cook, expenses to Templeton,	3.66
" "	State, for C. D. Colgrove,	13.14
" "	Northampton Hospital for Mrs. Calkins,	42.72
" "	A. G. Lamb, for Hitchcock children,	17.42
Mar. 5,	J. F. Converse, for mdse.,	26.18
" "	E. W. Hitchcock, for Miss Carroll,	12.00
" "	Paid E. W. Hitchcock for Alms-house,	22.74
" "	Edwin Fairbanks, m'ds'e,	105.29
" "	F. E. Cook, expense for paupers,	2.00
" "	R. V. Sawin, M. D., salary to March 1,	12.50
" "	N. Moulton, for Charles Moulton,	8.43
" "	Town of Wales, for tax,	2.70
		<hr/> \$967.68

FOR SALARIES OF OVERSEERS.

May 3,	For F. E. Cook, Dearth case,	\$ 5.00
Sept. 5,	F. E. Cook, 2 days Brockton	4.00
Nov. 7,	Calkins case,	12.50
1888.		
Jan. 2,	F. E. Cook, Blashfield and Calkins' case,	6.00

Feb. 6,	For F. E. Cook,	.	.	\$ 2.00	
Mar. 5,	F. E. Cook,	.	.	19.75	
" "	D. W. Janes,	.	.	13.50	
" "	Sanford Booth,	.	.	15.00	<hr/>
					\$77.75

AGGREGATES.

Payments for Supplies,	.	.	.	\$648.56	
" for Labor,	.	.	.	728.73	
" by Orders,	.	.	.	967.68	
" for Salaries,	.	.	.	77.75	<hr/>
Total,	.	.	.		\$2,422.72

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OF
THE ALMSHOUSE.

1888

March 2,	One horse,	.	.	.	\$ 40.00	
	Two oxen,	.	.	.	125.00	
	Twelve cows,	.	.	.	300.00	
	Two yearling heifers,	.	.	.	20.00	
	One yearling bull,	.	.	.	10.00	
	Two hogs,	.	.	.	20.00	
	Thirty fowls,	.	.	.	15.00	
	Eight tons English hay,	.	.	.	128.00	
	Twenty tons meadow hay,	.	.	.	100.00	
	One and a half tons corn stover,	.	.	.	15.00	
	One half ton oat straw,	.	.	.	6.00	
	Sixty bushels of corn,	.	.	.	18.00	
	Fifteen bushels rye,	.	.	.	10.50	
	Forty bushels of oats,	.	.	.	16.80	
	Seven bushels of buckwheat,	.	.	.	7.00	
	Meal and shorts,	.	.	.	4.00	
	Farming tools, wood, etc.,	.	.	.	409.60	
	Provisions,	.	.	.	123.50	
	Household furniture,	.	.	.	342.47	<hr/>
						\$1,710.87
	Inventory March 2d, 1887,	.	.	.		\$1,644.18
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	Gain on personal property,	.	.	.		\$66.69

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR IN ACCOUNT WITH
THE TOWN OF BRIMFIELD.

1887.	Dr.		
Mar. 2,	To farm as appraised,	.	\$4,000.00
“ “	Neat stock,	.	554.80
“ “	Hay and grain,	.	277.10
“ “	Farming tools and wood,	.	355.25
“ “	Provisions,	.	127.72
“ “	Household furniture,	.	329.31
1888.			
Mar. 2,	Orders paid by the town,	.	1,829.33
			<hr/> \$7,473.51
1888.	Contra, Cr.		
Mar. 2,	By farm as appraised,	.	\$4,000.00
“ “	Neat stock,	.	530.00
“ “	Hay and grain,	.	305.30
“ “	Farming tools and wood,	.	409.60
“ “	Provisions,	.	123.50
“ “	Household Furniture,	.	342.47
Balance, the amount it has cost to support the poor,	.	.	1,762.64
			<hr/> 7,743.51
From this balance	.	.	\$1,762.64
Deduct the expense for those out of the Almshouse, viz :			
For Augusta Calkins, at Hospital,	.		169.48
C. D. Colgrove,	.		45.43
Mary Carroll,	.		44.90
Dearth family at Brockton,	.		190.74
Mrs. Eli Powers,	.		45.77
Charles Moulton,	.		41.43
Wm. N. Hitchcock's children,	.		53.08
Time and expense of Overseers for outside poor,	.		55.62
			<hr/> \$646.45
And it leaves for the support of those at the Almshouse,	.		\$1,116.19

Average number at the Almshouse, $7\frac{7}{13}$
 Number of weeks' board furnished, 392
 Cost of each weeks' board at the Alms-
 house, \$2.84 $\frac{7}{10}$

UNPAID BILLS.

Due Northampton Hospital for Mrs.		
Calkins,	\$29.25	
State for C. D. Colgrove,	9.00	
N. S. Powers, for Mrs. Eli Powers,	13.00	
J. F. Converse for Miss Carroll, .	4.90	
Town of Monson for Sarah J. Dimick,	18.62	—————
		\$74.77

OSCAR F. BROWN,
 FRANK R. NEWTON,
 JOSIAH STEBBINS,
Selectmen of Brimfield.

Collector's Report.

JONATHAN P. WEBBER, Collector for 1885.

1887.	DR.	
March 2,	To balance of tax for 1885, uncollected,	\$10.88
	CR.	
May 21,	By paid Town Treasurer,	\$10.88

JONATHAN P. WEBBER, Collector for 1886.

	DR.	
March 7,	To balance of tax for 1886, uncollected,	\$985.30
	CR.	
May 27,	By paid Town Treasurer,	\$257.25
July 6,	Paid Town Treasurer,	225.00
July 26,	Paid Town Treasurer,	136.13
Oct. 3,	Paid Town Treasurer,	107.75
1888.		
Feb. 2,	Paid Town Treasurer,	217.22
Mar. 2,	Paid Town Treasurer,	41.95
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		\$985.30

JONATHAN P. WEBBER, Collector for 1887.

	DR.	
To town tax for 1887,		\$7,579.39
	CR.	
July 30,	By paid Town Treasurer,	\$500.00
Aug. 1,	Paid Town Treasurer,	335.00

Aug. 27, By	Paid Town Treasurer,	\$865.00
Sept. 1,	Paid Town Treasurer,	556.59
Sept. 2,	Paid Town Treasurer,	398.61
Oct. 15,	Paid County Tax,	606.00
	*Discount allowed on above at 6	
	per cent,	198.91
Nov. 7, By	paid Town Treasurer,	100.00
Dec. 3,	Paid Town Treasurer,	175.00
Dec. 10,	Paid Town Treasurer,	347.61
Dec. 24,	Paid Town Treasurer,	426.35
Dec. 30,	Paid Town Treasurer,	635.91
1888.		
Jan. 2,	Paid Town Treasurer,	671.70
Jan. 3,	Paid Town Treasurer,	226.65
	Discount allowed on above at 4 per	
	cent,	107.63
Feb. 2,	Paid Town Treasurer,	125.00
Mar. 7,	Paid Town Treasurer,	320.00
	Balance uncollected,	983.43
		————— \$7,579.39

*\$145.00 of the above was paid on an order for abatement of tax on which a discount was not allowed.

J. P. WEBBER, *Collector.*

Treasurer's Report.

HENRY F. BROWN, in account with the Town
of Brimfield:

1887.		DR.	
Mar. 7,	To balance of settlement,	.	\$3,159.86
April 4,	cash of Second Congrega- tional Church for rent,	.	125.00
May 21,	cash of J. P. Webber, balance tax 1885,	. . .	10.88
June 1,	cash borrowed of Hampden Savings Bank,	. . .	1,000.00
July 1,	cash borrowed of Hampden Savings Bank,	. . .	1,000.00
Oct. 10,	cash of estate of E. T. Sher- man cemetery lots,	.	20.00
" "	cash of Wm. H. Shaw, error in settlement,	. . .	.50
Dec. 10,	Corporation tax,	. . .	532.28
" "	Bank tax,	. . .	282.89
" "	State Aid, under Chap. 252, Acts 1879,	. . .	33.00
" "	State Aid, under Chap. 301, Acts 1879,	. . .	72.00
1888.			
Jan.	cash County Treasurer, dog tax,	. . .	114.39
" 30,	income of school fund,	.	311.85
Mar. 2,	interest on taxes of 1886,	.	26.44
" "	cash of J. P. Webber, tax of 1886,	. . .	985.30

Mar. 5,	To cash of Second Congregation-		
	al Church, for rent,	.	\$125.00
" "	cash for use of Town Hall,	.	53.00
" "	Town histories,	.	6.00
" 7,	cash of J. P. Webber, tax of		
	1887,	.	5,683.42
			<hr/> \$13,541.81

1887.

CR.

Dec. 10,	By paid State tax,	.	.	\$	652.50	
	Paid orders as follows viz:					.
Mar. 7,	For highways,	.	.		1,663.49	
	bridges,	.	.		354.22	
	snow paths,	.	.		11.36	
	schools,	.	.		1,857.34	
	school house repairs,	.			75.57	
	paupers,	.	.		1,829.33	
	salaries,	.	.		668.43	
	town debts and miscellan-					
	eous expenses,	.	.		4,813.24	
	Balance in Treasurer's hands,	.			1,616.33	
					<hr/> \$13,541.81	

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

ASSETS.

1888.

Mar. 7.	Cash in hands of the Treasurer,	\$1,616.33	
	Due from State for aid of Soldiers,	149.00	
	Due from tax of 1887, uncollected	983.43	<hr/>
			\$2,748.76

LIABILITIES.

1888.

Mar. 1.	Due Hampden Savings Bank,	\$1,000.00	
	For interest on same,	4.17	
	Dog Fund not appropriated,	114.39	
	Northampton Hospital for		
	Mrs. Calkins,	29.25	

Mar. 1, Due State for C. D. Colgrove, .	\$ 9.00	
Norman S. Powers for Mrs.		
E. Powers,	13.00	
Town of Monson for Sarah		
J. Dimick,	18.62	
J. F. Converse for Miss		
Carroll,	4.90	
A. J. Daniels, for school, .	4.25	
Norman S. Powers, wood		
for School,	20.00	
Balance-Assets over Liabilities, .	\$1,531.18	—————
		\$2,748.76

HARRIET ALLEN FUND.

Principal of fund deposited in Springfield

Institution for Savings,	\$174.94	
Dividends to Jan. 1, 1888,	17.12	—————
		\$192.06

The undersigned having examined the foregoing accounts and the vouchers therefor find them correct.

JAMES T. BROWN,
JAMES NOYES,
Auditors.

INSURANCE ON TOWN PROPERTY.

Expires.	Name of Company.	Property.	Amount.	
Oct. 17, 1888.	Royal of Liverpool,	Town House,	\$1,650.00	
Oct. 17, 1888,	Royal of Liverpool,	Furniture, etc.,	850.00	
Oct. 17, 1888,	Hartford,	Town House,	1,560.00	
Oct. 17, 1888,	Hartford,	Furniture, etc.,	850.00	
Mar. 22, 1889,	Ins Co. of North Am.	Town House,	2,000.00	—————
				\$7,000.00
Jan. 20, 1891,	Ætna of Hartford,	Public Library,		1,500.00
Apr. 25, 1890,	Quincy Mutual,	Almshouse,	\$1,700 00	
Feb. 1, 1889,	Ætna of Hartford,	Almshouse,	700.00	
Feb. 1, 1889,	Ætna of Hartford,	Furniture,	400.00	
Feb. 1, 1889,	Ætna of Hartford,	Ice House,	100.00	
July 15, 1889,	Ætna of Hartford,	Almshouse barn,	1,800.00	
Dec. 1, 1889,	Phoenix, Brooklyn,	Hog house,	100.00	
Dec. 1, 1889,	Phoenix, Brooklyn,	Hay, grain, tools,	400.00	
Dec. 1, 1889,	Phoenix, Brooklyn,	Live Stock,	500.00	—————
				\$5,700.00
Dec. 1, 1891,	Ætna of Hartford,	School-house No1,	\$2,700.00	
Aug. 8, 1889,	Ætna of Hartford,	School-house No. 2	1,000.00	—————
				\$3,700.00
				—————
				\$17,900.00

Town Clerk's Report.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1887.

Date.	Bridegroom.	Residence.	Bride.	Residence.
1886.				
Dec. 29,	George W. Sherman,	Brimfield,	Alice E. Corey,	Sturbridge.
1887.				
Feb. 7,	John A. Plimpton,	Sturbridge,	Mary Amidon,	Monson.
April 13,	Nathan M. Goodale,	Brimfield,	Sarah Holbrook,	Monson.
May 19,	Moses H. Baker,	Brimfield,	Josephine L. Allen,	Brimfield.
June 14,	Alfred A. Stebbins,	Brimfield,	Sarah E. Rich,	W. Brookfi'd
Aug. 30,	Peter Dyon,	Brimfield,	Delia Miner,	Sturbridge.
Sep. 28,	Frederic U. A. Slater,	Sturbridge,	Viola M. Groves,	Brimfield.
Oct. 26,	William H. Lumbard,	Brimfield,	Lillie J. Vinton,	Brimfield.
Nov. 7,	Ernest F. Hanson,	Brimfield,	Mary L. Howlett,	Holland.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1887.

Date.	Name of Child.	Sex.	Names of Parents.
Jan. 27,	Amy Elizabeth Howes,	F.	Horace S. and Carrie E. Howes.
April 12,	Gordon Hudson Brown,	M.	William J. and Ella A. Brown.
April 16,	Emma Agnes St. George,	F.	John and Alice St. George.
April 21,	James Dennison Lee,	M.	Dennison P. and Louise E. Lee.
May 3,	Roxanna LaFleur,	F.	Felix and Mary LaFleur.
July 19,	Walter Edward Brown,	M.	Edward B. and Mary A. Brown.
July 22,	Waldo Dwight Lumbard,	M.	Dwight and Janette Lumbard.
Aug. 12,	Alice Maud Hicks,	F.	Orrin and Julia A. Hicks.
Aug. 20,	Mary Jane Bruno,	F.	Nelson and Mary M. Bruno.
Aug. 20,	John Shanly,	M.	John and Mary Shanly.
Aug. 26,	Orlo Parsons Parker,	M.	Orus E. and Eva A. Parker.
Sept. 11,	Michael Edward Haley.	M.	John and Ellen Haley.
Sept. 15,	Cora Maria Holdridge,	F.	George F. and Diana Holdridge.
Sept. 28,	Delia Harners,	F.	Joseph and Mary Harners.
Oct. 17,	Mable Eva Fisher,	F.	William W. and Ella J. Fisher.
Dec. 15,	John Harners,	M.	Lewis and Rosanna Harners.
Dec. 27,	Rosanna Wizzard,	F.	Elieser and Josephine Wizzard.

DEATHS RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1887.

Date.	Name.	Cause of Death.	Years.	Age. Mos.	Days.
Jan. 29,	George H. Upham,	Disease of Kidneys,	72	4	21
Feb. 1,	Lelia Rogers,	Pulmonary Phthisis,	23	11	
Feb. 2,	Mary C. Janes,	Paralysis,	84	8	9
April 8,	Augustus Wheeler,	Paralysis,	87	6	27
May 5,	James Francis Shaw,	Consumption.	23	0	9
May 21,	Alden Goodell,	Congestion of Kidneys,	82	10	2
June 14,	Eunice C. Emerson.	Apoplexy,	77	6	7
June 21,	Ella J. Mumford,	Consumption,	39	9	2
July 24,	Martha Upham,	Paralysis and Old Age,	92	2	22
Sept. 26,	Esther T. Kenney.	Congestion of Brain,	75	5	14
Sept. 28,	Ansel Holbrook,	Paralysis,	71	9	10
Oct. 13.	George M. Tarbell,	Pernicious Anæmia,	3	9	5
Oct. 18,	Sarah L. Morgan,	Pimligus Malignus,	20	1	
Nov. 17.	Alexander Harwood,	Cancer,	64	9	13

OTHER DEATHS INTERRED IN BRIMFIELD.

Date.	Name.	Place of Death.	Years.	Age. Mos.	Days.
Feb. 26,	Joshua Latham,	Palmer,	75	0	11
July 4,	Elizabeth C. Webber,	Boston,	53	4	9
July 17,	Mary M. Lyman,	Brookfield,	73	7	0
Aug. 5,	Amelia Maria Noyes,	Springfield,	51	11	29
Aug. 14,	Mary B. Stebbins ,	Warren,	75	6	
Aug. 26,	Henry C. Merritt,	Palmer,	0	3	
Oct. 8.	Harvey D. Griggs,	Monson.	75	2	12

HENRY F. BROWN,
Town Clerk.

Assessors' Report.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN OF BRIMFIELD FOR 1887.

Value of Land,	\$216,890.00
Value of Buildings,	171,435.00
Value of Personal Estate,	92,740.00
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Total Real and Personal valuation, . .	\$481,065.00
Number of Polls,	300
Tax on Polls,	\$2.00
Rate of Tax \$14.50 on	\$1,000.00
Money unsecured by mortgage,	6,500.00
Money in out of State securities,	20,000.00
Number of horses,	244
Cows,	800
Sheep,	284
Neat cattle other than cows,	538
Swine,	158
Dwelling houses,	243
Acres of land	21,103
Tax payers,	415
Persons paying property tax,	312
Persons paying a poll tax only,	103
Non-resident tax payers,	81

ASSESSMENTS 1887.

State tax,	\$652.50
County tax,	606.00
Highways,	1,200.00

Bridges,	\$ 200.00
Snow paths,	200.00
Wages and board of teachers, etc.,	1,300.00
Conveyance of pupils, etc.,	100.00
Salaries School committee,	100.00
Repairs of School houses,	100.00
Support of paupers,	1,550.00
Officers' salaries,	500.00
Discount on taxes,	300.00
State Aid,	50.00
Miscellaneous,	600.00
Interest on town debt,	50.00
Overlayings,	66.89
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Total State, County and Town tax,	\$7,575.39

ABATEMENTS ON TAX 1886.

Edward B. Blodgett,	\$2.00
Adolor Brault,	2.00
Michael Broshnan,	2.00
Charles Cota,	2.00
Evarise Duval,	2.00
Andrew M. Dunsmore,	2.00
Joseph Forcier,	2.00
Emery Knapp,	2.75
Michael Kerriger	2.00
David Leno,	2.00
Morris Lamoine,	2.00
Charles Moore,	2.00
Alfred Morse,	2.00
Oliver Perry,	2.00
W. C. Palmer,	3.20
F. Pfanchenhon,	2.00
Usup Pratt,	2.00

Louis Rancho,	\$2.00
Joseph Sato,	2.00
S. T. Welds,	2.00
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Total,	\$41.95

SAMUEL W. BROWN,

JOHN SHANLY,

GEO. W. SHERMAN,

Assessors of Brimfield.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF BRIMFIELD.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1888.

School Report.

The town raised for the support of schools	
the past year,	\$1,300.00
For text-books, supplies, and conveyance of	
pupils,	100.00
For salaries of School Committee,	100.00
Received from the State,	311.85
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Total,	\$1,811.85

The total amount expended for the above purposes, was (\$1,846.34) eighteen hundred forty-six 34-100 dollars.

For a more detailed report of expenses, we refer you to the Auditor's report.

The schools in town the past year have met with more than their usual success; except that in some cases they have been interrupted by sickness. There are in town 196 scholars, with an average attendance of only 122. We have ten school-houses. If the scholars were divided as nearly equal as could be done, no school would exceed twenty scholars. This is a number quite too small to obtain the best results. But we cannot divide them equally, as there are in some parts of the town, more scholars than in other localities. The number has been gradually decreasing from year to year, so that in some of the original school districts, we can hardly find one person of school age; so that it has been a perplexing question for us sometimes to decide as to the number of schools to be maintained, and in what localities.

In the center, and at the extreme east and west parts of the town, the location is such that it is hardly possible to make any change. But in other parts, changes are more feasible, and the

best interests of the schools seem to demand it. The School Committee are only agents of the town, and desire to act in unison with the parents and guardians, for the best interests of all concerned. This is an economical arrangement. But if this were all the benefit to be derived, we should hesitate long before deciding to decrease the number of schools. But we believe, (and we think all educators are of the same opinion,) that a reasonable number of scholars brought together, will receive a greater benefit than they will if the school is too small. Let every parent in town carefully consider this matter, and see if all do not come to the same conclusion.

We need harmony of action in the management of our children. For the first few years of the life of the child the training is entirely with the parent or guardian. But when the time comes for them to enter the school; the training is divided between the parent, committee and teacher. It is our great desire to select those who are worthy of the position they occupy, those in whom we can all feel safe in committing the physical, mental and moral training of our children. In these early years, while under the direct training of the parent and teacher, the habits are formed, and the future destiny of the pupil pretty thoroughly fixed; so that we cannot attach too much importance to the laying of a solid foundation, upon which the superstructure of the after life can be safely built.

We do not always get what we bargain for in a teacher, as it is impossible for any committee, or for the teachers themselves, to tell what they can do in the school room, until they have tried. They may have the requisite amount of knowledge; may possess many amiable qualities, and still lack the essentials for a successful teacher. They may be able to teach and not to control; to control and not to impart instruction successfully, or to draw out from others. When a teacher possesses only a part of these qualities, we look for only partial success; but when they possess all these, we look for, and invariably get the best results.

We find parents too ready to give over their responsibility almost entirely to the teacher, as soon as the child is placed in the school room. This is not a business way of doing. No man will entrust his entire business to an agent, however capable he may

be, but will occasionally look after it in person; so that he can at least give suggestions, if need be. So the parents should occasionally visit the place where they send their children, that they may be certain that they are properly cared for. Daniel Webster was once asked for what he attended church in a small country town. His reply was "To be reminded of my duty." Would not parents sometimes be reminded of neglected duty, if they would oftener know in person, just what their children were doing in the school room.

With the present system of furnishing school supplies, there is an extra care and responsibility for committee and teachers. We enjoin it upon teachers to guard well the school property committed to their care. But we sometimes find that these school supplies are harshly treated, if not wantonly destroyed, as the town pays the bills. We have found it necessary to say that when this is the case, the property so destroyed shall be made good by the person destroying it. We did not make all the repairs the past year that we deemed necessary on account of the failure of a party, with whom we had a contract, to furnish desks for one of our school houses. They will be needed the coming year in addition to other necessary repairs.

We give more and more attention to the personal comforts of our families, in our own homes. Let us also do the same to make our school-rooms comfortable, and attractive. By so doing, we cultivate a taste for school work; and a desire on the part of the pupils to be present each day. Absence from school, and tardiness on the part of scholars, are evils that cannot always be avoided. But there should be as few links as possible left out of the chain, that connects the early with the maturer life. Let the early habits be prompt, energetic, persistent and success will surely come.

The schools for the coming year will commence as follows :
Spring term, April 16; Fall term, Aug. 27; Winter term, Dec. 2.

NEWTON S. HUBBARD,
LOUIS S. BROWN,
ROBERT V. SAWIN.

School Committee.

REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 6, 1889.

PALMER, MASS.:
PRESS OF C. B. FISKE & Co.
1889.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1888.

CLERK AND TREASURER.

HENRY F. BROWN.

SELECTMEN,

OSCAR F. BROWN, FRANK R. NEWTON, JOSIAH STEBBINS.

ASSESSORS.

SAMUEL W. BROWN, JOHN SHANLY, GEO. W. SHERMAN.

COLLECTOR.

CHARLES S. TARBELL.

CONSTABLES.

FRANCIS E. COOK,

ORRIN HICKS.

SEXTON.

GEO. M. HITCHCOCK.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

LOUIS S. BROWN, ROBERT V. SAWIN, NEWTON S. HUBBARD.

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

FRANCIS E. COOK, CHENEY NEWTON, ORUS E. PARKER.

LIBRARY DIRECTORS.

HENRY BROWN, CHARLES A. HOMER, LOUIS S. BROWN.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

GEO. M. HITCHCOCK, EDWARD W. POTTER, FRANK R. NEWTON.

FENCE VIEWERS,

NEWTON S. HUBBARD, JOSIAH STEBBINS, ELIJAH ALLEN.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER.

D. WINSLOW FOSKET,

THOMAS J. MORGAN,

ARTHUR J. DANIELS,

HORATIO L. CONVERSE.

AUDITOR.

CHARLES A. HOMER.

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

ALBERT WOODARD,
BYRON W. CHARLES,
JOHN L. CHAFFEE, JR.,
GEO. L. AGARD,
GEO. W. SHERMAN,
JOHN F. LOMBARD,

WILBUR G. PARKER,
ALBERT D. THOMAS,
SANFORD BOOTH,
HENRY BLODGETT,
JOHN SHANLY,
ORUS E. PARKER.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
HAMPDEN SS.

TO FRANCIS E. COOK, Constable of Brimfield, GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of Brimfield, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Brimfield, Monday, the first day of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles :

FIRST. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

SECOND. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year ; also all committees and agents the business of the Town may require. All officers required by law to be chosen by ballot (except Moderator and Town Clerk) must be on one ballot.

The polls will be open at half-past ten o'clock a. m., and may be closed at half-past two o'clock p. m.

THIRD. To hear reports of officers and agents heretofore chosen by the Town, and act thereon.

FOURTH. To raise money for the support of schools, highways, townways, bridges, payment of town debts, and to defray expenses for the ensuing year, and direct how the same shall be expended.

FIFTH. To see if the Town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

SIXTH. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the current year ; also to borrow money to renew, replace or pay any existing loan or loans, or any part thereof.

SEVENTH. To see if the Town will allow a discount on taxes if paid within certain periods, or act thereon.

EIGHTH. To see what disposition the town will make of their dog fund, or act thereon.

NINTH. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use

the means for collecting taxes which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed collector.

TENTH. To see if the Town will cause to be printed the reports of their officers and agents, or any part of the same.

ELEVENTH. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any money for state aid.

TWELFTH. To bring in their votes, "yes" or "no," upon the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

THIRTEENTH. To see what action the town will take in regard to claims made against the town for damages sustained by reason of defective highways.

FOURTEENTH. To see if the Town will accept of the provisions of chapter four hundred and thirty-one (431) of the acts and resolves of the year 1888, or act thereon.

FIFTEENTH. To see if the Town will grant the free use of the Selectmen's room to the Village Improvement Society for their business meetings. Also the use of any part of the Town Hall to said Society for a public reading room, or act thereon.

SIXTEENTH. To see if the Town will accept of the provisions of sections 74, 75, 76 and 77 of chapter 27 of the Public Statutes.

SEVENTEETH. To see if the Town will take measures for the better protection against fires, or act thereon.

EIGHTEENTH. To see if the Town will take measures to keep in repair the bridge across Elbow Brook, on the private way leading from near the house of Alva Thayer to school-house No. 3, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, one at the center Post Office, and by mailing a copy to the post offices at East and West Brimfield, and by mailing or otherwise sending a copy to Fosket's Mills seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk of said Brimfield, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this eighth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine.

OSCAR F. BROWN,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
JOSIAH STEBBINS,	
FRANK R. NEWTON.	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Brimfield.</i>

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

Of the receipts and expenditures of the Town of Brimfield for the year ending March 6, 1889.

TOWN DEBT AND BILLS FOR 1887-8. APPROPRIATION.

Cash in Treasurer's hand, balance March 7,	
1888,	\$1,616.33
Balance of tax of 1887 uncollected,	983.43
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	\$2,599.76

PAYMENTS.

FOR HIGHWAY REPAIRS.

Order No.	37.	Richard H. Arnold,	\$2.00	
	121.	A. C. Pinney,	3.00	
			<hr/>	\$5.00

FOR SNOW PATHS.

Order No.	1.	Lucius Agard,	\$1.30	
	3.	Miner H. Corbin, . . . . .	.52	
	4.	A. D. Thomas,	1.50	
	7.	Edward B. Brown,	2.91	
	8.	Moses H. Baker,	3.00	
	22.	J. H. Plimpton,	1.35	
			<hr/>	\$10.58

FOR SCHOOLS.

Order No.	34.	A. J. Daniels,	\$4.25	
	52.	Norman S. Powers,	20.00	
	208.	George Adams,	8.00	
			<hr/>	\$32.25

FOR PAUPERS.

Order No.	15.	Northampton Hospital, for Mrs. Calkins,	\$28.17
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Order No.	17.	Norman S. Powers, for		
		Mrs. E. Powers, .	\$13.00	
	47.	John F. Converse, for		
		Miss Carroll, .	4.90	
	138.	Town of Monson, for		
		Dimmick family, .	18.62	
			<hr/>	\$64.69
		Total payments, .	.	\$112.52
		Balance unexpended, .	.	\$2,487.24
Transfer for Highways, .	.	.	\$108.61	
Bridges, .	.	.	140.55	
Snow paths, .	.	.	378.16	
Schools, .	.	.	107.07	
Officers' salaries, .	.	.	58.09	
Paupers, .	.	.	224.52	
Miscellaneous, .	.	.	126.50	
Interest on town debt, .	.	.	10.00	
			<hr/>	\$1,153.50
		Balance unexpended, .	.	\$1,333.74

EXPENDITURES FOR 1888-9.—FOR HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation, .	.	.	\$1,600.00	
Transfer from tax of 1887, .	.	.	108.61	
			<hr/>	\$1,708.61

PAYMENTS.

GEORGE L. AGARD, SURVEYOR.

Order No.	48.	George L. Agard, .	\$74.12	
	83.	" .	19.75	
	120.	" .	15.43	
	180.	" .	6.32	
	251.	" .	10.73	
			<hr/>	\$126.35

SANFORD BOOTH, SURVEYOR.

Order No.	5.	Josiah Stebbins, .	\$3.30	
	87.	Sanford Booth, .	99.60	
	88.	" .	4.20	

Order No.	182.	Sanford Booth,	.	.	\$23.45	
	199.	"	.	.	55.50	
	215.	"	.	.	26.80	
	288.	"	.	.	5.20	
						<hr/>
						\$218.05

HENRY BLODGETT, SURVEYOR.

Order No.	49.	Henry Blodgett,	.	.	\$74.85	
	166.	"	.	.	18.00	
	219.	"	.	.	50.40	
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						\$143.25

BYRON W. CHARLES, SURVEYOR.

Order No.	10.	Isaac W. Pratt,	.	.	\$5.25	
	51.	Byron W. Charles,	.	.	93.05	
	54.	"	.	.	.75	
	91.	"	.	.	35.95	
	92.	Edwin A. Jones, gravel,	.	.	3.40	
	184.	Byron W. Charles,	.	.	16.65	
	249.	"	.	.	19.80	
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						\$174.85

JOHN L. CHAFFEE, JR., SURVEYOR.

Order No.	22.	James H. Plimpton,	.	.	\$4.50	
	55.	John L. Chaffee, Jr.,	.	.	51.50	
	77.	"	.	.	41.55	
	115.	John C. Spring,	.	.	.69	
	167.	John L. Chaffee, Jr.,	.	.	4.10	
	216.	"	.	.	17.75	
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						\$120.09

JOHN F. LUMBARD, SURVEYOR.

Order No.	30.	Oscar F. Brown,	.	.	\$1.39	
	57.	John F. Lombard,	.	.	55.32	
	58.	Hitchcock & Blanchard,	.	.		
		drain pipe,	.	.	7.87	
	78.	John F. Lombard,	.	.	20.30	
	98.	Oscar F. Brown,	.	.	1.00	
	153.	Frank R. Newton,	.	.	5.95	
	213.	John F. Lombard,	.	.	33.28	
	222.	"	.	.	23.10	
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						\$148.21

WILBUR G. PARKER, SURVEYOR.

Order No.	40.	Wilbur G. Parker,	.	\$32.45	
	75.	"	.	48.50	
	181.	"	.	24.00	
	238.	"	.	52.70	
				<hr/>	\$157.65

ORUS E. PARKER, SURVEYOR.

Order No.	19.	Orus E. Parker,	.	\$42.80	
	89.	"	.	48.54	
	153.	Frank R. Newton,	.	4.75	
	154.	Louis S. Brown, drain			
		pipe,	.	1.50	
	155.	Orus E. Parker,	.	19.71	
	171.	Chas. Jennings, drain pipe,		8.55	
	217.	Orus E. Parker,	.	13.54	
				<hr/>	\$139.39

JOHN SHANLY, SURVEYOR.

Order No.	50.	John Shanly,	.	\$60.25	
	86.	"	.	14.75	
	198.	"	.	5.70	
	284.	"	.	5.75	
				<hr/>	\$86.45

GEORGE W. SHERMAN, SURVEYOR.

Order No.	6.	Frank R. Newton,	.	.75	
	20.	George W. Sherman,	.	5.20	
	55.	"	.	38.95	
	76.	"	.	24.61	
	197.	"	.	9.06	
	214.	"	.	15.45	
	250.	Elisha C. Marsh,	.	2.32	
				<hr/>	\$96.34

ALBERT D. THOMAS, SURVEYOR.

Order No.	2.	Albert D. Thomas,	.	\$ 1.50	
	85.	"	.	72.85	
	159.	"	.	6.37	
	231.	"	.	17.95	
				<hr/>	\$98.67

ALBERT WOODARD, SURVEYOR.

Order No.	8.	Moses H. Baker,	.	\$ 4.30	
	36.	“ “	.	.60	
	68.	Albert Woodard,	.	22.05	
	84.	“ “	.	76.34	
	152.	“ “	.	30.15	
	218.	“ “	.	34.87	
				<hr/>	\$168.31

OTHER EXPENSES FOR HIGHWAYS.

Order No.	21.	Josiah Stebbins, tools,	.	\$2.25	
	27.	C. B. Fiske & Co., high-			
		way bills,	.	2.00	
	152.	Albert Woodard, tools,	.	.75	
	203.	Daniel L. Griggs, repairs			
		of drains,	.	11.50	
	222.	John F. Lumbard, tools,		1.50	
	239.	Oscar F. Brown, assigning			
		limits, etc.,	.	5.00	
	292.	Cheney Newton,	.	1.00	
	293.	Josiah Stebbins, assigning			
		limits,	.	2.00	
	304.	Frank R. Newton, assign-			
		ing limits,	.	5.00	
				<hr/>	\$31.00
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					\$1,708.61

FOR SUPPORT OF BRIDGES.

Appropriation,	.	.	.	\$200.00	
Transfer from unexpended balance of 1887-8,				140.55	
				<hr/>	\$340.55

PAYMENTS.

Order No.	22.	James H. Plimpton,	.	\$.60	
	25.	Patrick White,	.	.45	
	38.	Orrin Hicks, for plank,	.	98.37	
	49.	Henry Blodgett,	.	17.75	
	56.	John L. Chaffee, Jr.,	.	16.90	
	75.	Wilbur G. Parker,	.	81.08	
	184.	Byron W. Charles,	.	1.50	

262.	Josiah Stebbins,	.	\$1.60	
263.	Willard Hall for plank,		66.60	
264.	William Sutcliffe,	.	6.00	
265.	Sanford Booth,	.	14.89	
266.	Henry Blodgett,	.	12.30	
267.	John L. Chaffee, Jr.,	.	5.00	
268.	“	.	4.25	
269.	John Shanly,	.	5.70	
270.	A. D. Thomas,	.	4.87	
271.	George L. Agard,	.	2.49	
282.	H. L. Converse,	.	.20	
			<hr/>	\$340.55

SNOW PATHS.

Appropriation,	.	.	.	.	\$200.00	
Transfer from unexpended balance of 1887-8,					378.16	
					<hr/>	\$578.16

PAYMENTS.

BLIZZARD, MARCH 12, 1888.

Order No.	1.	Lucius Agard,	.	.	\$18.35
	2.	Albert D. Thomas,	.	.	15.90
	3.	Miner H. Corbin,	.	.	10.57
	5.	Josiah Stebbins,	.	.	13.65
	6.	Frank R. Newton,	.	.	29.10
	7.	Edward B. Brown,	.	.	19.43
	8.	Moses H. Baker,	.	.	111.24
	9.	N. S. Hubbard,	.	.	22.64
	10.	Isaac W. Pratt,	.	.	60.45
	22.	J. H. Plimpton,	.	.	16.65
	23.	Wm. J. Brown,	.	.	76.83
	25.	Patrick White,	.	.	9.30
	26.	Moses H. Baker,	.	.	3.00
	28.	Porter A. Parker,	.	.	7.57
	30.	Oscar F. Brown,	.	.	6.73
	31.	Joseph M. Allen,	.	.	10.65
	32.	Orrin Q. Moore,	.	.	10.52
	36.	Moses H. Baker,	.	.	6.00
	62.	David W. Janes,	.	.	4.50

66.	Samuel H. Adams,	.	\$1.80
70.	Henry Blodgett,	.	21.00
88.	Sanford Booth,	.	26.55
115.	John C. Spring,	.	10.52
118.	Milo S. Booth,	.	11.94
119.	Sanford Booth,	.	18.62
121.	A. C. Pinney,	.	4.00
182.	Sanford Booth,	.	2.00
199.	Sanford Booth,	.	3.00
200.	Thomas J. Morgan,	.	19.05
215.	Sanford Booth,	.	2.00
288.	Sanford Booth,	.	4.60
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			\$578.16

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

APPROPRIATIONS.

For wages and board of teachers, fuel and care of school houses,	.	.	\$1,300.00
For conveyance of pupils, text books, etc.,	.	.	100.00
For salaries of school committees,	.	.	100.00
Income of school fund,	.	.	383.70
Transfer from unexpended balance of 1887-8,			107.07
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			\$1,990.77

Paid for wages and board of teachers, for fuel and care of school houses for the year ending March 6, 1889.

Names of Teachers.	No. of School	Wages for Summer Term.	Wages for Fall Term.	Wages for Winter Term.	Fuel and Care of Houses.	Total.
Mrs G. H. Streeter,	1	\$72 00	\$72 00			
Bessie F. Brown,	1	45 00				
Olive J. Hale,	1		45.00	\$72.00		
Anna L. Griggs.	1			72 00	\$36.75	\$414.75
Lizzie P. Knowlton,	2	72 00	72 00			
Mary E. Doescher,	2			73 50	24 50	242.00
Mary W. Klingenhazen,	3	52 00				
Malora A. Booth,	3		58 50			
Julia M. Jones,	3			81 20	23 00	214.70
No School.	4					
Nora C. Burns,	5	65.00	65 00	70.00	23 50	223 50
Emma M. Green,	6	58 50	58.50			
Ida R. Agard,	6			72.00	19 00	208 00
C. M. Granger,	7	63.00				
Anna L. Griggs,	7		45 00			
Alice Brown,	7			84.00	24 50	216.50
No School.	8					
No School.	9					
Estella F. Wyer,	10	63 00				
Ida R. Agard,	10		45.00		22 00	130 00
		\$490 50	\$461 00	\$524 70	\$173 25	\$1,649.45

FOR TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Order No.	44.	Cowperthwaite & Co.,	\$6.48
	45.	Boston School Supply Co.,	39.04
	46.	Thompson & Co.,	7.50
	81.	Louis S. Brown,	7.70
	102.	H. L. Converse,	.80
	125.	A. C. Stockin, agent,	31.41
	154.	Louis S. Brown,	4.50
	170.	Louis S. Brown,	.92
	233.	Cowperthwaite & Co.,	6.30
	234.	Boston School Supply Co.,	19.05
	282.	H. L. Converse,	2.26
	287.	Louis S. Brown,	3.35
	297.	Boston School Supply Co.,	38.76

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FOR CONVEYANCE OF PUPILS.

Order No.	208.	George Adams, . . .	\$12.00	
	235.	Thomas C. Blashfield, . .	10.00	
	236.	C. M. Corbin, . . .	6.00	
	301.	George Adams, . . .	16.00	
			<hr/>	\$44.00

FOR SALARIES OF COMMITTEE.

Order No.	81.	Louis S. Brown, . . .	\$ 5.00	
	114.	Robert V. Sawin, . . .	14.00	
	178.	Louis S. Brown, . . .	11.50	
	206.	Robert V. Sawin, . . .	12.00	
	207.	N. S. Hubbard, . . .	18.00	
	256.	Robert V. Sawin, . . .	20.00	
	296.	Louis S. Brown, . . .	15.50	
			<hr/>	\$96.00
	204.	F. E. Cook, truant officer, . .	\$1.00	\$1.00
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				\$1,990.77

FOR REPAIR OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Appropriation,	\$150.00
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PAYMENTS.

Order No.	61.	N. S. Hubbard, School No. 5,	\$ 5.20
	61.	N. S. Hubbard, school No. 3,58
	63.	W. A. Putnam, stove No. 5,	13.25
	64.	Winchester Furniture Co. desks No. 5,	60.00
	65.	F. W. Shepard, labor at No. 1,	2.35
	81.	Louis S. Brown, repair at No. 1,	2.25
	81.	Louis S. Brown, clock for No. 1,	1.25
	145.	A. J. Daniels, school No. 2,	3.00

154.	Louis S. Brown, repairs No. 1,	\$12.15	
157.	William A. Gilbert, re- pairs No. 2,	7.50	
170.	Louis S. Brown, repairs Nos. 1, 3 and 6,	2.75	
202.	Orus E. Parker, repairs No. 5,	8.10	
237.	C. A. Sweet, blackboards No. 3,	5.00	
287.	Louis S. Brown, repairs No. 1,	1.40	
300.	Louis S. Brown, seats No. 1,	2.20	
310.	William H. Green, repairs No. 6, . . . .	.75	
			<hr/>
			\$127.73
	Balance unexpended,		\$22.27

OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Appropriations,	\$500.00	
Transfer from tax of 1887,	58.09	<hr/>
		\$558.09

PAYMENTS.

SELECTMEN.

Order No. 11.	Frank R. Newton,	\$ 7.00	
239.	Oscar F. Brown,	34.00	
293.	Josiah Stebbins,	34.80	
304.	Frank R. Newton,	34.50	<hr/>
			\$110.30

ASSESSORS.

Order No. 129.	Samuel W. Brown,	\$31.00	
150.	John Shanly,	30.00	
245.	George W. Sherman,	30.00	<hr/>
			\$91.00

COLLECTOR.

Order No. 294.	Charles S. Tarbell,	\$40.00	
299.	Jonathan P. Webber,	20.00	<hr/>
			\$60.00

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Order No.	11.	Frank R. Newton,	.	\$2.00	
	239.	Oscar F. Brown,	.	6.00	
	293.	Josiah Stebbins,	.	3.00	
	302.	Henry F. Brown,	.	5.00	
	304.	Frank R. Newton,	.	4.00	
				<hr/>	\$20.00

JANITOR.

		E. W. Carder, salary for			
		the year,	.	\$100.04	
				<hr/>	\$100.04

TOWN CLERK.

Order No.	285.	Henry F. Brown,	.	\$20.00	
	302.	Henry F. Brown, fees for			
		recording births, mar-			
		riages and deaths,	.	12.50	
				<hr/>	\$32.50

TOWN TREASURER.

Order No.	285.	Henry F. Brown,	.	\$30.00	
				<hr/>	\$30.00

SEXTON.

Order No.	35.	George M. Hitchcock,	.	\$15.00	
	130.	"	.	3.00	
	158.	"	.	6.00	
	228.	"	.	6.00	
	246.	"	.	11.25	
				<hr/>	\$41.25

CONSTABLE.

Order No.	43.	Francis E. Cook,	.	\$8.00	
	230.	"	.	9.00	
				<hr/>	\$17.00

AUDITOR.

Order No.	312.	James T. Brown,	.	\$6.00	
				<hr/>	\$6.00

LIBRARIAN.

Order No.	80.	Louis S. Brown,	.	\$16.66	
	132.	E. W. Carder,	.	8.34	
	185.	"	.	12.50	
	295.	"	.	12.50	
				<hr/>	\$50.00
				<hr/>	\$558.09

FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.

Appropriation,	\$1,500.00	
Transfer from unexpended balance of 1887-8,	224.52	<hr/>
		\$1,724.52

PAYMENTS FOR ALMSHOUSE.

Order No.	13.	J. H. Plimpton, balance of salary,	\$ 31.25
	16.	R. V. Sawin, M. D., balance of salary,	2.50
	24.	J. H. Plimpton, balance of account,	32.85
	59.	J. H. Plimpton, balance of account,	4.56
	69.	J. F. Converse, merchandise,	78.35
	71.	J. F. Converse, merchandise,	22.81
	72.	H. L. Converse, merchandise,	6.25
	73.	J. H. Plimpton, salary,	93.75
	99.	J. H. Plimpton, balance of account,	35.78
	100.	H. L. Converse, merchandise,	\$33.52
	110.	Louis S. Brown, merchandise,	7.27
	133.	J. H. Plimpton, balance of account,	15.66
	135.	R. V. Sawin, M. D., salary for six months,	15.00
	136.	Louis S. Brown, merchandise,	8.71
	137.	H. L. Converse, merchandise,	15.68
	142.	H. L. Converse, merchandise,	30.36
	144.	J. H. Plimpton, salary,	93.75
	148.	Louis S. Brown, merchandise,	9.44

Order No. 160.	H. L. Converse, merchandise,	\$32.54
161.	Louis S. Brown, merchandise,	9.39
162.	E. W. Hitchcock, provisions,	16.75
163.	C. B. Fiske & Co., tramp tickets,	1.50
190.	H. L. Converse, merchandise,	32.90
192.	Amory Davison, for steers,	130.00
193.	Edward Fairbanks, merchandise,	36.68
194.	R. V. Sawin, medicine, . . . . .	.45
195.	John P. Raynor, labor,	70.25
196.	Louis S. Brown, merchandise,	16.47
220.	J. H. Plimpton, salary,	93.75
221.	R. V. Sawin, M. D., asthma remedy for Goss,	3.65
242.	R. V. Sawin, M. D., asthma remedy for Goss,	7.80
273.	R. V. Sawin, M.D., salary to March 1,	\$12.50
275.	Frank A. Smith, insurance,	24.00
283.	H. L. Converse, merchandise,	21.87
286.	E. W. Hitchcock, provisions,	29.99
289.	Louis S. Brown, merchandise,	11.70
290.	J. H. Plimpton, salary to March 1,	62.50
291.	F. E. Cook, expense for paupers, . . . . .	.50
307.	J. H. Plimpton, bal. acc't,	57.95
311.	Town of Wales, for tax,	2.92
	—————	\$1,213.55

SERVICES OF OVERSEERS FOR ALMSHOUSE.

43.	F. E. Cook,	.	.	\$4.00	
291.	"	:	.	15.00	
292.	Cheney Newton,	.	.	16.00	
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					\$35.00

PAYMENTS FOR OUTSIDE POOR.

Order No.	12.	State for D. C. Colgrove,	\$8.43
	15.	Northampton Hospital, for Mrs. Calkins,	14.08
	18.	N. Moulton, for Charles Moulton,	8.71
	43.	F. E. Cook, expense for paupers,	4.60
	74.	Emulous Harvey, for Mrs. Ruby,	20.00
	103.	F. E. Cook, paid for Mrs. Ruby,	4.50
	104.	N. Moulton, for Charles Moulton,	12.71
	105.	Northampton Hospital, for Mrs. Calkins,	42.25
	106.	Emulous Harvey, for Mrs. Ruby,	\$ 6.00
	107.	F. E. Cook, expenses for Calkins case,	3.37
	108.	C. W. Bryan & Co., de- nial book,	3.50
	122.	N. S. Powers, for Mrs. E. Powers,	26.00
	123.	W. H. Stowe, for Mrs. Ruby,	18.00
	124.	E. Harvey, for Mrs. Ruby,	6.00
	139.	E. Harvey, for Ruby child,	21.00
	140.	F. E. Cook, expense Goss case,	3.35
	141.	H. L. Converse, for Miss Carroll,	8.00
	164.	Northampton Hospital, for Mrs. Calkins,	42.71

Order No. 165.	N. Moulton, for Charles Moulton, . . .	\$13.00	
189.	H. L. Converse, for Miss Carroll, . . .	6.00	
194.	R. V. Sawin, for G. S. Dixon. . . .	1.10	
240.	Northampton Hospital, for Mrs. Calkins, . . .	42.71	
241.	H. L. Converse, for Miss Carroll, . . .	6.00	
242.	R. V. Sawin, M. D., for G. S. Dixon, . . .	1.00	
243.	N. Moulton, for Charles Moulton, . . .	13.14	
272.	N. S. Powers, for Mrs. E. Powers, . . .	15.00	
274.	L. G. Reed, for G. S. Dixon, . . .	47.62	
281.	H. L. Converse, for Miss Carroll, . . .	3.00	
286.	E. W. Hitchcock, for Miss Carroll, . . .	\$12.60	
291.	F. E. Cook, expenses for paupers, . . .	2.00	
292.	Cheney Newton, expenses for paupers, . . .	4.09	
305.	T. M. Brown, Esq., services Calkins case, . . .	29.50	
		<hr/>	\$449.97

SERVICES OF OVERSEERS FOR OUTSIDE POOR.

Order No. 43.	F. E. Cook, . . .	\$6.50	
107.	“ . . .	8.00	
140.	“ . . .	2.00	
291.	“ . . .	5.50	
292.	Cheney Newton, . . .	4.00	
		<hr/>	\$26.00
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			\$1,724.52

UNPAID BILLS.

Due Northampton Hospital,	.	.	\$28.17	
John Haley,	.	.	3.00	
Needham Moulton,	.	.	4.00	
Orus E. Parker,	.	.	16.00	
			<hr/>	\$51.17
Total of bills paid and unpaid,	.			<hr/> \$1,775.69

FOR MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES.

Appropriation,	.	.	\$630.00	
Transfer from balance 1887-8,	.	.	74.50	
			<hr/>	\$704.50

PAYMENTS FOR CEMETERY.

Order No.	29.	Frank R. Newton, for work,	.	.	\$5.50	
	25.	George M. Hitchcock, for work,	.	.	.80	
	82.	Frank R. Newton, posts and labor,	.	.	2.90	
	101.	H. L. Converse, paints and oil,	.	.	\$15.79	
	116.	F. E. Cook, mowing grass,			14.00	
	126.	Daniel Haynes, painting,			24.00	
	130.	George M. Hitchcock, set- ting out trees, etc.,	.	.	8.05	
	146.	H. L. Converse, paints and oil,	.	.	13.46	
	147.	F. E. Cook, mowing grass,			10.00	
	228.	George M. Hitchcock, la- bor,	.	.	2.30	
	304.	Frank R. Newton, paint- ing,	.	.	5.40	
					<hr/>	\$102.20

FOR TOWN HOUSE.

Order No.	33.	E. W. Carder, for repairs,	\$.20 . .
	40.	E. W. Carder, for lock,	.25
	117.	E. W. Carder, for labor,	.75
	143.	W. G. Parker, wood,	36.00

168.	Nelson Clapper, sawing wood, . . .	\$8.00	
201.	Louis S. Brown, kerosene oil, . . .	6.51	
204.	Frank A. Smith, insurance, . . .	112.50	
212.	John L. Bacon, Jr., shavings, . . .	.80	
225.	James Harvey, carpenter work, . . .	16.20	
226.	Charles O. Brown, painting, . . .	7.04	
248.	Meekins & Packard, door mats, . . .	6.07	
276.	Fosket & Brainard, lumber, . . .	9.38	
278.	T. C. Blashfield, shavings, . . .	2.00	
282.	H. L. Converse, merchandise, . . .	1.48	
		<hr/>	\$207.18

FOR TAX ABATEMENTS.

Order No.	298.	Jonathan P. Webber, . . .	\$38.73	
	299.	" . . .	2.00	
			<hr/>	\$40.73

FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES.

Order No.	39.	Transcript Publishing Co., town reports, . . .	\$39.95	
	42.	Frank R. Newton, stationery, . . .	4.15	
	53.	Byron W. Charles, Decoration Day, . . .	30.00	
	60.	Eben Stevens, for damage to horse, . . .	75.00	
	76.	George W. Sherman, mowing common, . . .	2.50	
	80.	Louis S. Brown, express on books, . . .	.35	
	82.	Frank R. Newton, freight on guide boards, . . .	.76	

98.	O. F. Brown, expenses on road petition, . . .	\$10.50
102.	H. L. Converse, mdse., .	.15
109.	Charles S. Tarbell, tax- bills,	2.50
128.	American Enamel Co., guide boards,	18.94
129.	S.W. Brown, postage, etc.,	1.00
151.	Dr. R. V. Sawin, return of 6 births,	1.50
154.	Louis S. Brown, pens, etc., for Assessors, . . .	.17
167.	O. C. Marcy, conveyance County Commissioners,	3.00
186.	Olin R. Booth, watch at Newton fire,	2.00
187.	John Himes, watch at Newton fire,	2.00
188.	Henry Freeman, watch at Newton fire,	2.00
221.	Dr. R. V. Sawin, return of 3 births,	\$.75
223.	Dwight Print, order books,	8.00
224.	John F. Lumbard, team- ing,	1.00
239.	O. F. Brown, expenses for road,	10.00
277.	Republican Co., advertis- ing,	8.40
280.	Springfield Printing and Binding Co., blanks, .	9.00
289.	Louis S. Brown, pails for fires,	2.25
293.	Josiah Stebbins, convey- ance County Commis- sioners,	3.00
302.	Henry F. Brown, express and other bills, . . .	32.34
304.	Frank R. Newton, walks on common,	3.77

Order No. 304.	Frank R. Newton, expenses as Selectman,	\$9.16	
306.	George D. Robinson, legal services, etc.,	69.00	
308.	C. B. Fiske & Co.,	1.25	
		<hr/>	\$354.39
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			\$704.50

FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Appropriation,	\$114.39
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PAYMENTS.

Order No. 67.	O. P. Allen, magazines,	\$9.70	
127.	O. P. Allen, magazines,	2.35	
154.	Louis S. Brown, supplies,	.40	
211.	C. A. Nichols & Co., history of Springfield,	5.00	
287.	Louis S. Brown, paper and mucilage,	\$.83	
309.	O. P. Allen, magazines,	8.60	
		<hr/>	\$26.88
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	Balance unexpended,		\$87.51

FOR STATE AID.

Appropriation,	\$142.00
Transfer from balance, 1887-8,	22.00
				<hr/>	\$164.00

PAYMENTS.

Order No. 279.	E. W. Carder,	\$60.00	
279.	Alonzo Allen,	48.00	
279.	Mary J. Wilcott,	48.00	
279.	Margaret H. Marsh,	8.00	
		<hr/>	\$164.00

N. M. GOODALE, CEMETERY FUND.

June 4.	Cash received of executrix,	.	.	\$150.00
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PAYMENT.

Order No. 191.	C. A. Risley & Co., tablets, posts, etc.,	.	.	\$100.00
			<hr/>	\$50.00
	Balance unexpended,			\$50.00

FOR TOWN DEBT AND INTEREST.

Appropriation for interest, . . .	\$50.00
Transfer from balance of 1887-8, . . .	10.00
Borrowed, Palmer Savings Bank, . . .	1,000.00
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	\$1,060.00

PAYMENTS.

Order No. 14. Hampden Savings Bank, note,	\$1,000.00
14. Hampden Savings Bank, interest,	11.25
97. Palmer Savings Bank, in- terest,	3.75
229. Palmer Savings Bank, in- terest,	45.00
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	\$1,060.90

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1888-9.

	Appropriations.	Payments.
For repairs of highways,	\$1,600.00	\$1,708.61
Bridges,	200.00	340.55
Snow paths,	200.00	578.16
Schools,	\$1,300.00	
Income of school fund, 383.70	1,683.70	1,649.45
Conveyance, text books, etc.,	100.00	212.07
Salaries of school committees,	100.00	97.00
Repairs of school houses,	150.00	127.73
Paupers and salaries of overseers,	1,500.00	1,724.52
Officers' salaries,	500.00	558.09
Discount on taxes,	300.00	331.68
State aid,	142.00	164.00
Miscellaneous expenses,	630.00	704.50
Interest on town debt,	50.00	60.00
Public library,	114.39	26.48
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	\$7,270.09	\$8,283.24
Payments over appropriations,	1,013.15	
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	\$8,283.24	

ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR TO MARCH 1890.

For highways,	.	.	.	\$1,500.00
Bridges,	.	.	.	150.00
Snow paths,	.	.	.	150.00
Schools,	.	.	.	1,300.00
Conveyance, text books, etc.,	.	.	.	150.00
Salaries of school committee,	.	.	.	100.00
Repairs on school houses,	.	.	.	150.00
Support of paupers,	.	.	.	1,400.00
Officers' salaries,	.	.	.	500.00
Miscellaneous expenses,	.	.	.	730.00
Discount on taxes,	.	.	.	330.00
Interest on town debt,	.	.	.	90.00
State aid,	.	.	.	50.00
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				\$6,600.00

REPORT OF SETTLEMENT WITH THE OVERSEERS
OF THE POOR.

Your committee, in settling with the Overseers of the Poor, have endeavored to conform to the vote of the town passed at the last annual meeting, and submit a statement in the form heretofore used, with the addition of interest on the farm at the valuation fixed by said vote; also on the personal property on hand March 2, 1888.

Also another statement including only the expenses for the almshouse and farm, wherein the overseers are charged, in addition to the usual items, with the products of the farm for the past year, and are credited with the receipts of produce sold, expenses of inmates from other towns repaid, and with the board of inmates at the cost per week shown. This is a new departure, and your committee may have erred in the intention and application of the vote; if so, it can be corrected in the future.

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT
THE ALMSHOUSE.

1889.

March 1.	One horse,	.	.	.	\$40.00
	Two oxen, 7 years old,	.	.	.	110.00
	Two steers, 4 years old,	.	.	.	75.00
	Two steers, 3 years old,	.	.	.	65.00

March 1.	Nine cows,	\$225.00	
	One 2-year-old heifer,	15.00	
	One farrow cow,	15.00	
	One yearling,	15.00	
	Three fat pigs,	31.50	
	Two pigs, 5 months old,	10.50	
	Thirty-four farm fowls,	17.00	
		<hr/>	\$619.00
	Five and one-quarter tons Eng-		
	lish hay,	\$78.75	
	Twenty tons meadow hay,	100.00	
	Oat straw, . . . . .	.80	
	One-fourth ton corn stover,	1.25	
	Twenty-six bushels oats,	10.92	
	Seventeen bushels rye,	11.90	
	Forty bushels corn,	\$12.00	
	Meal and shorts,	4.00	
		<hr/>	\$219.62
	Farming tools, wood, etc.,	\$361.40	
	Provisions,	130.55	
	Household furniture,	298.15	
		<hr/>	\$790.10
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			\$1,628.72
	Inventory March 2, 1888,	\$1,644.18	
	Loss on inventory,		15.46
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			\$1,644.18

FARM PRODUCTS IN 1888.

English hay, 12½ tons,	\$187.50
Meadow hay, 23 tons,	115.00
Rye straw, 1 ton,	10.00
Corn stover, 4 tons,	20.00
Fodder corn, 9 tons,	18.00
Sweet corn on ear, 20 bushels,	6.00
Corn on ear, 250 bushels,	75.00
Oats, 45 bushels,	18.90
Rye, 22 bushels,	15.40
Potatoes, 50 bushels for sale, 50c,	25.00
Potatoes for use at farm, 45c,	56.25

March 1.	Beets, 17 bushels, 40c,	.	\$6.80	
	Carrots, 20 bushels,	.	10.00	
	Turnips, 25 bushels,	.	10.00	
	Parsnips, 2 bushels,	.	.80	
	Onions, 20 bushels,	.	15.00	
	Squash, 200 lbs.,	.	3.00	
	Pumpkins, 6 cart-loads,	.	6.00	
	Green peas, 3 bushels,	.	1.50	
	Cabbage, 100 head,	.	1.50	
	Apples, 20 bbls. sold,	.	15.00	
	Apples, 15 bbls. seconds,	.	6.00	
	Pears, 2 bushels,	.	1.50	
	Tomatoes, 3 bushels,	.	1.00	
			————	\$625.15

PAYMENTS FOR LABOR.

J. H. Plimpton, warden,	.	\$375.00	
John Raynor,	.	96.00	
J. Leno,	.	2.50	
J. Turner & Son,	.	41.00	
Mrs. R. Plimpton,	.	4.50	
Olin Booth,	.	12.75	
Mrs. Mary Dunham,	.	2.50	
Mrs. Tryphosia Graves,	.	4.00	
Joseph Lee,	.	2.00	
Carl Streeter,	.	25.48	
Frank S. Green,	.	22.30	
Wm. Campbell,	.	2.50	
Orrin Hicks,	.	2.00	
Orrin Hicks, for ice,	.	7.50	
Nelson Clapper,	.	4.05	
		————	\$604.08

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF BRIMFIELD.

1888.

DR.

March 2.	To farm as appraised,	.	\$4,000.00
	Neat stock,	.	530.00
	Hay and grain,	.	305.30

March 2.	To farming tools and wood,	.	\$409.60	
	Provisions,	.	123.50	
	Household furniture,	.	342.47	
	Interest on above at 4 per ct.,		228.43	
	Orders paid for the Almshouse,		1,213.55	
	Orders paid for outside poor,		449.97	
	Due John Haley for wood,			
	furnished Wm. E. Hitchcock		3.00	
	Salaries of Overseer of Poor			
	for services at Almshouse,		51.00	
	For services for outside poor,		26.00	
			<hr/>	\$7,682.82
1889.		CR.		
March 1,	By farm as appriased,	.	\$4,000.00	
	Neat stock,	.	619.00	
March 1.	By hay and grain,	.	219.62	
	Farming tools and wood,	.	361 40	
	Provisions,	.	130.55	
	Household furniture,	.	298.15	
	Received of city of Taunton,			
	for support of David Hinchey,		15.25	
	Received of town of Cohasset,			
	for support of A. S. Ruby			
	and child,	.	54.50	
	Received of town of Cohasset			
	for support of the Ruby			
	child,	.	21.00	
	Due from city of Boston, for			
	support of P. Murphy,	.	12.00	
	Due from G. B. Shaw, for			
	keeping stock,	.	4.00	
	Due from Worcester County			
	Creamery (estimated),	.	10.50	
	Balance the amount cost to			
	support the poor,	.	\$1,936.85	
			<hr/>	\$7,682.82
	From this balance,	.		\$1,936.85
	Deduct the expense for those outside the			
	almshouse :			
C. D. Colgrove,	.	.	\$8.43	

Charles Moulton,	\$47.56	
Mrs. Powers,	41.00	
Miss Carroll,	35.60	
Dr. R. V. Sawin, expenses, . . .	2.10	
Lorin G. Reed, for Dixon family, . .	47.62	
C. W. Bryan, printing,	3.50	
Cheney Newton, expenses,	4.09	
F. E. Cook, expenses on pauper cases, .	13.32	
T. M. Brown, counsel on Calkins case, .	29.50	
For Augusta Calkins,	141.75	
Services of overseers for outside poor, .	26.00	
	<hr/>	\$400.47

\$1,536.38

Average number of inmates at almshouse, .	7 $\frac{7}{13}$
Number weeks' board for inmates, . . .	392 $\frac{1}{2}$
Board of 255 tramps, estimated at $\frac{3}{4}$ day each, .	27
Total number of weeks' board furnished at almshouse,	419 $\frac{1}{2}$
Cost of each week's board at almshouse, .	\$3.66 $\frac{2}{10}$
Cost of each week's board, after deducting in- terest on farm and personal property, .	\$3.11

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF BRIMFIELD FOR THE ALMS- HOUSE AND FARM.

1888.	Dr.	
March 2.	To farm as appraised,	\$4,000.00
	Neat stock,	530.00
	Hay and grain,	305.30
	Farming tools and wood,	409.60
	Provisions,	123.50
	Household furniture,	342.47
	One year's interest on above at 4 per cent,	228.43
	Farm products for 1888,	625.15
	Cash paid on orders for alms- house,	1,213.55
	Services of overseers,	35.00
	Due Orus E. Parker,	16.00
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		\$7,829.00

1889.

Cr.

March 1.	By farm as appraised,	.	.	\$4,000.00
	Neat stock,	.	.	619.00
	Hay and grain,	.	.	298.37
	Farming tools and wood,	.	.	361.40
	Provisions,	.	.	130.55
	Household furniture,	.	.	298.15
	Received of city of Taunton			
	for paupers,	.	.	15.25
	Cash for products of farm sold,			484.41
	Due from G. B. Shaw,	.	.	4.00
	Due from Worcester County			
	Creamery (estimated),	.	.	10.50
	Due from city of Boston,	.	.	12.00
	392½ weeks' board of inmates			
	at \$3.803,	.	.	1,492.68
	Board of 255 tramps, estimated			
	at $\frac{3}{4}$ day each at \$3.803,	.	.	102.69
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				\$7,829.00
	Cost of each week's board after			
	deducting interest on farm			
	and stock,	.	.	\$3.258

Submitted by

HENRY F. BROWN,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
GEO. M. HITCHCOCK,		
CHAS. S. TARBELL,		

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

JONATHAN P. WEBBER, COLLECTOR FOR 1887.

1888.	Dr.		
March 7.	To balance of tax for 1887 uncollected,	. . .	\$983.43
	Cr.		
May 9.	By paid Town Treasurer,	.	\$174.36
June 4.	“ “	.	173.00
July 9.	“ “	.	289.70
August 1.	“ “	.	125.30
1889.			
February 5.	“ “	.	150.00
March 5.	“ “	.	71.07
		<hr style="width: 10%;"/>	\$983.00

J. P. WEBBER, *Collector for 1887.*

CHARLES S. TARBELL, COLLECTOR FOR 1888.

	Dr.		
	To town tax for 1888,	. . .	\$8,043.76
	Cr.		
August 11.	By paid Town Treasurer,	.	\$950.00
August 25.	“ “	.	700.00
Sept. 1.	“ “	.	1,000.00
Sept. 3.	“ “	.	119.44
Oct. 15.	By paid county tax,	.	606.00
	Discount allowed on above at		
	6 per cent,	.	215.45
Oct. 1.	By paid Town Treasurer,	.	40.00
Nov. 5.	“ “	.	148.87

Dec. 3.	By paid Town Treasurer,	.	\$231.21	
Dec. 19.	“ “	.	451.53	
1889.				
Jan. 2.	“ “	.	1,917.95	
	Discount allowed on above at			
	4 per cent,	.	116.23	
Feb. 4.	By paid Town Treasurer,	.	259.27	
March 4.	“ “	.	502.70	
	Balance uncollected,	.	785.11	
			<hr/>	\$8,043.76

CHARLES S. TARBELL, *Collector.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

HENRY F. BROWN, in account with the Town of Brimfield.

1888.	Dr.	
Mar. 7.	To balance of settlement,	\$1,616.33
Mar. 30.	To cash State Treasurer, corporation tax,	13.23
Mar. 30.	To cash State Treasurer, bank tax,	49.04
May 1.	To cash borrowed Palmer Savings bank,	1,000.00
June 4.	To cash Sarah H. Goodale, executrix, for cemetery fund,	150.00
May 22.	To cash received of Taunton for David Hinchey,	30.50
May 1.	To cash borrowed Palmer Savings Bank,	1,000.00
Aug. 1.	To cash received of Cohasset for support of Ann S. Ruby and child,	54.50
Aug. 8.	To cash S. N. Gleason, adm'r for support of Daniel Howard,	35.00
Sept. 24.	To cash received of Cohasset for support of Ruby child,	24.00
Dec. 10.	To cash received for corporation tax,	478.30
Dec. 10.	To cash received for bank tax,	169.01
Dec. 10.	To cash received State aid repaid,	142.00
Dec. 10.	To cash received Town of Palmer bridge account,	17.84
Jan. 10.	To cash received for dog fund,	120.61

1889.

Feb. 10.	To cash received income of school fund,	\$383.70
Mar. 1.	To cash received of guardian of Augusta Calkins for board at hospital,	382.12
Mar. 1.	To cash of E. W. Carder, for rent of hall,	26.00
Mar. 1.	To cash town histories sold,	6.00
Mar. 5.	To cash of J. P. Webber, bal. tax of 1887,	983.43
Mar. 5.	To cash of Charles S. Tarbell, tax of 1888,	6,320.97
Mar. 5.	To cash of J. P. Webber, interest on tax of 1887,	30.59
		<hr/> \$13,033.17

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Dec. 10.	By paid State tax,	\$652.50
1889.	Paid orders as follows, viz. :	
Mar. 4,	For highways,	1,713.61
	Bridges,	340.55
	Snow paths,	588.74
	Schools,	1,990.77
	School house repairs,	127.73
	Paupers,	1,789.21
	Salaries of officers,	558.09
	Miscellaneous expenses,	935.38
	Town debt and interest,	1,060.00
	Balance in Treasurer's hands,	3,216.59
		<hr/> \$13,033.17

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

ASSETS.

Cash in the hands of the Treasurer,	\$3,216.59
Due from state for aid of soldiers,	140.00
From 2d Congregational church,	125.00
From tax of 1888, uncollected,	785.11
	<hr/> \$4,266.70

LIABILITIES.

Due Palmer Savings Bank,	.	.	\$2,000.00	
For interest on same,	.	.	22.50	
For library appropriation,	.	.	87.51	
For Dog Fund, not appropriated,	.	.	120.61	
Goodale Cemetery Fund,	.	.	50.00	
Northampton Hospital, for Mrs. Calkins,			28.17	
John Haley,	.	.	3.00	
N. Moulton,	.	.	4.00	
Orus E. Parker,	.	.	16.00	
Balance assets over liabilities,	.	.	1,934.91	
				<u>\$4,266.70</u>

HARRIET ALLEN FUND.

Principal of fund in Springfield Institute for				
Savings,	.	.	\$174.94	
Dividends to January 1, 1889,	.	.	24.86	
				<u>\$199.80</u>

The undersigned having examined the foregoing accounts and the vouchers therefor find them correct.

CHARLES A. HOMER, *Auditor.*

INSURANCE ON TOWN PROPERTY.

Expires.	Name of Company.	Property.	Amount.	
Oct. 17, 1893,	Royal of Liverpool,	Town House,	\$ 1,650.00	
Oct. 17, 1893,	Royal of Liverpool,	Furniture, etc.,	850.00	
Oct. 17, 1893,	Hartford,	Town house,	1,560.00	
Oct. 17, 1893,	Hartford,	Furniture, etc.,	850.00	
March 22, 1894,	In. Co. of North America,	Town house,	2,000.00	
				<u>\$7,000.00</u>
Jan. 20, 1891,	Ætna of Hartford,	Public library,		\$1,500.00
April 25, 1890,	Quincy Mutual,	Almshouse,	\$ 1,700.00	
Feb. 1, 1889,	Ætna of Hartford,	Almshouse,	700.00	
Feb. 1, 1894,	Ætna of Hartford,	Furniture,	400.00	
Feb. 1, 1894,	Ætna of Hartford,	Ice house,	100.00	
July 15, 1889,	Ætna of Hartford,	Almshouse barn,	1,800.00	
Dec. 1, 1889,	Phœnix, Brooklyn,	Hog house,	100.00	
Dec. 1, 1889,	Phœnix, Brooklyn,	Hay, grain, tools,	400.00	
Dec. 1, 1889,	Phœnix, Brooklyn,	Live stock,	500.00	
				<u>\$5,700.00</u>
Dec. 1, 1891,	Ætna of Hartford,	School house No. 1,	\$ 2,700.00	
Aug. 8, 1889,	Ætna of Hartford,	School house No. 2,	1,000.00	
				<u>\$3,700.00</u>
				<u>\$17,900.00</u>

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1888.

Date.	Bridegroom.	Residence.	Bride.	Residence
1888,				
Feb, 15,	Arthur B. Brown,	Brimfield,	Emma M. Agard,	Brimfield.
April 2,	Frank H. Tobey,	Brimfield,	Bertha G. Jones.	Brimfield.
April 5,	George H. Streetor,	Rowe,	Martha E. Stone,	Brimfield.
May 12,	Charles E. Whitney,	Monson,	Maude A. Alberty,	Monson.
May 29,	Warren T. Bigelow,	North Brookfield,	Mary A. Buxton,	Brimfield.
June 7,	William W. Bartlett,	North Brookfield,	Annie M. Brown,	Brimfield.
July 14,	George H. Gray,	Brimfield,	Mary Ann Whalen,	Brimfield.
Sept. 19,	Arthur W. Webber,	Somerville,	Hattie S. Webber,	Brimfield.
Oct. 19,	Willard E. Martin,	Warren,	Agnes F. Marshall,	Warren.
Oct. 23,	Elmer A. Lane,	Bedford,	Nettie L. Adams,	Brimfield.
Nov. 7,	Edward H. Morgan,	Brimfield,	Sarah A. Bigelow.	Holyoke.
Nov. 21,	Timothy Lynes,	Brimfield,	Susan A. Stone,	Brimfield.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1888.

Date.	Name of child.	Sex.	Names of Parents.
March 12,	Frederic Bliss,	M.,	Arthur J. and Adaline Bliss.
April 9,	John Wyles Converse,	M.,	John F. and Lizzie L. Converse.
May 4.	Sarah Ruby,	F.,	Albert and Anna S. Ruby.
July 4,	Ethel V. Merrill,	F.,	Nathaniel P. and Lizzie M. Merrill.
July 9,	Alice King Sweet,	F.,	Clifford A. and Jessica F. Sweet.
July 21,	Albert Brothers,	M.,	Alexander and Ellen Brothers.
Aug. 23,	Daniel St. George,	M.,	Joseph and Minnie St George.
Aug. 31,	Alice M. Lumbard,	F.,	Harry A. and Anna W. Lumbard.
Sept. 5,	Peter Conoghon,	M.,	John and Mary A. Conoghon.
Sept. 13,	Ruby Olive Brown,	F.,	William J. and Ella A. Brown.
Sept. 19,	Carl Foster Davis,	M.,	Hovey W. and Carrie F. Davis.
Nov, 20,	Mary Jane Bradway,	F.,	Elmer and Minnie Bradway.
Dec 5,	Mildred E. Daniels,	F.,	Arthur J. and Charlotte A. Daniels.

DEATHS RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1888.

Date.	Name.	Cause of Death.	Age.		
			Years.	Mos.	Days.
Jan. 5,	Eliza Farrell,	Typhoid pneumonia,	67	8	29
Jan. 21,	Charles M. McCrilliss,	Pneumonia,	33		
Jan. 29,	Nathan M. Goodale,	Bright's disease,	74	7	21
Feb. 3,	Lorenzo Cooley Ferry,	Cancer,	79	7	26
Feb. 7,	Stephen Colton,	Pneumonia,	55	5	
Feb. 11,	Eliza M. Lumbard,	Heart disease,	73	9	19
Feb. 25,	Freddie M. Blodgett,	Diphtheria,	8	1	3
March 9,	Braman E. Sibley,	Cerebral tumor,	50	9	3
March 15,	Katie T. Travers,	Measles,	21	6	5
March 25,	Donald W. Sawin,	Pneumonia,	1	4	23
April 5,	Edward C. Travers,	Measles,	11	11	11
May 17,	Samuel S. Livermore,	Apoplexy,	65	11	27
July 14,	Frank Theberge,	Accidental,	40	8	10
Sept. 1,	Mary Ann C. Powers,	Old age,	85		
Sept. 24	James L. Groves,	Heart disease,	56		24
Oct. 11,	Ezra Webber,	Cerebral hemorrhage,	83	8	2
Nov. 5,	Unknown man,	Apoplexy,			
Nov. 15,	Nathan F. Robinson,	Paralysis,	81	4	6
Dec. 6,	Abbey B. Brown,	Paralysis,	77	11	29
Dec. 17,	Henry C. Amadon,	Consumption,	19	5	24
Dec. 20,	Edward Holden,	Acute phthisis,	24		

OTHER DEATHS INTERED IN BRIMFIELD.

Date.	Name.	Place of Death.	Age.		
			Years.	Mos.	Days.
June 18,	Lewis S. Janes,	Belchertown,	57	7	20
Aug. 19,	John Lyman,	Monson,	64		
Aug. 25,	Phebe Parker,	Wales,	80		
Sept. 12,	John B. Austin,	Warren,	83	1	3
Nov. 13,	Luthera W. Allen,	Chicopee,			

ASSESSOR'S REPORT, 1888.

VALUATION OF BRIMFIELD, 1888.

Value of buildings,	.	.	.	.	\$172,235.00
Value of land,	.	.	.	.	216,015.00
Total of real estate,					\$388,250.00
Personal estate,	.	.	.	.	74,610.00
Total real and personal estate,					\$462,860.00
Number of polls,	.	.	.	322	
Tax on polls,	.	.	.	\$2.00	
Rate of tax, \$16 per	.	.	.	\$1,000	
Money unsecured by mortgage,	.	.	.	7,025	
Number of horses,	.	.	.	255	
Cows,	.	.	.	781	
Neat cattle other than cows,	.	.	.	588	
Swine,	.	.	.	158	
Sheep,	.	.	.	228	
Dwelling houses,	.	.	.	244	
Acres of land,	.	.	.	21,104	
Tax Payers,	.	.	.	433	
Persons paying property tax,	.	.	.	326	
Persons paying poll tax only,	.	.	.	107	
Non-residents,	.	.	.	76	

ASSESSMENTS, 1888.

State tax,	.	.	.	.	.	\$652.50
County tax,	.	.	.	.	.	606.00
Highways,	.	.	.	.	.	1,600.00
Bridges,	.	.	.	.	.	200.00
Snow paths,	.	.	.	.	.	200.00

Schools,	\$1,300.00
Conveyance, text books and supplies,	100.00
Salaries school committee,	100.00
Support of paupers,	1,500.00
Repairs of school houses,	150.00
Officers' salaries,	500.00
Discount on taxes,	300.00
Miscellaneous expenses,	600.00
Interest on town debt,	50.00
Decoration day,	30.00
Overlayings,	155.26

Total State, county and town tax, \$8,043.76

To pay the above there was :

Tax on polls,	644.00
Tax on real estate,	6,224.00
Tax on personal estate,	1,193.76
Total,	\$8,061.76

SAMUEL W. BROWN, } *Assessors*
JOHN SHANLY, } *of*
GEO. W. SHERMAN, } *Brimfield.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1889.

SCHOOL REPORT.

The Town appropriations for schools for the year 1888-9 were as follows :

For the support of schools,	\$1,300.00
For text books, supplies and conveyance,	100.00
For salary of school committee,	100.00
From the state,	383.70
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	\$1,883.70

The total expense has exceeded the appropriations only in the item of "text books, supplies and conveyance" (vide Auditor's report). Attention is called here to the amount appropriated.

Of the eight teachers employed at the beginning of the year, only one is retained. You will find them serving at an advanced salary in the adjoining towns. To fill the vacancies we are forced to recruit from recent graduates, who, as soon as they have acquired experience, feel it their duty to accept an opportunity to advance in their profession. While we regret this change we can only submit, as our appropriation will not admit of our competing for experienced workers.

The result of this is the slower progress of our scholars and a lower standard in the schools. To remedy this in a measure we urge a larger appropriation, that we may form a union with other towns for the purpose of securing the services of a superintendent. For this a special appropriation will be needed to conform to the requirements of the law.

We would respectfully call your attention to chapter 431 of the acts of the Legislature of 1888, which is as follows :

1. Any two or more towns, the valuation of each of which does not exceed two million five hundred thousand dollars, and the aggregate number of schools in all of which is not more than fifty nor less

than thirty, may, by vote of the several towns, unite for the purpose of the employment of a superintendent of schools under the provisions of this act.

2. When such a union has been effected, the school committees of the towns comprising the union shall form a joint committee, and for the purposes of this act said joint committee shall be held to be the agents of each town comprising the union. Said committee shall meet annually in joint convention in the month of April at a day and place agreed upon by the chairman of the committees of the several towns comprising the union, and shall organize by the choice of a chairman and secretary. They shall choose, by ballot, a superintendent of schools, determine the relative amount of service to be performed by him in each town, fix his salary, and apportion the amount thereof to be paid by the several towns, and certify such amount to the treasurer of each town.

STATE AID FOR SUPERINTENDENTS.

3. Whenever the chairman and secretary of such joint committee shall certify to the state auditor, under oath, that a union has been effected as herein provided, that the towns, in addition to an amount equal to the average of the total sum paid by the several towns for schools during the three years next preceding, unitedly have raised by taxation and appropriated a sum not less than seven hundred and fifty dollars for the support of a superintendent of schools, and that under the provisions of this act a superintendent of schools has been employed for one year, a warrant shall be drawn upon the treasurer of the Commonwealth for the payment of one thousand dollars, one-half of which amount shall be paid for the salary of such superintendent and the remaining one-half shall be apportioned and distributed on the basis of the average public school attendance of the towns forming such district for the year next preceding, which amount shall be paid for the salaries of teachers employed in the public schools within such district.

4. A sum not exceeding twelve thousand five hundred dollars shall be annually appropriated for the purposes of this act.

5. The provisions of section forty-three of chapter forty-four of the Public Statutes respecting the service of the school committees without pay in towns where a superintendent is appointed, shall not apply to towns uniting in the employment of a superintendent under the provisions of this act.

This is a generous proposition on the part of the state to just such towns as Brimfield, whereby, if we can unite with other towns, say Monson, Wales and Holland, forming a union district, we will receive the benefits of school supervision, which, previous to this, has only been possible in towns having large valuations.

It will be seen by the act, previously quoted, that a union so

formed must raise the sum of \$750 for the support of a superintendent. At the end of the year, upon its being certified to the State Auditor that a union so formed has raised and appropriated the sum of \$750, and employed a superintendent for the past year, the state will make payment to the district the sum of one thousand dollars, one-half to go towards the salary of the superintendent and the remaining half towards the payments of the teachers' salaries in the district, based upon the average school attendance of the towns.

Suppose the average attendance of Monson to be about 400 pupils, Brimfield 150, Wales 100 and Holland 50, the proportionate amounts each town must raise of the \$750 would be something like this: Monson \$428.50, Brimfield \$160.50, Wales \$107, Holland \$54. Of the \$500 from the state for teachers' salaries, Monson would receive about \$284.50, Brimfield \$107.50, Wales \$72 and Holland \$36, thus making the actual net cost to Brimfield about \$53.50, and the other towns in like proportion.

If a superintendent is employed in a district formed by the above named towns, Brimfield would have about one-fourth the time of the superintendent, or one day in every four. A union of these towns would embrace within its limits 34 or 35 schools, which would be a very desirable number for supervision.

The benefits are many to be derived from the supervision of our schools by a superintendent who would be qualified for his duties by training and experience in school and educational work. Our young teachers would receive intelligent attention from him, which would fit them for their duties and encourage them to do their utmost in their work.

A greater uniformity of school work throughout the town would also result from the supervision of a man devoting his entire time to the interests of our schools.

Although the superintendent is entirely amenable to the school committee in every way, yet, by the direction of the committee, he would be able to aid very greatly in procuring teachers best qualified for teaching.

It will be the superintendent's duty to visit the different schools of the district regularly, and he will be held responsible by the committee of each town for the fulfillment of his duties in that town.

A superintendent will be quick to appreciate wherein the standard of our schools is not up to that of other towns, and will be able to

remedy all defects, and thus keep our schools up to the highest degree of excellence.

The supervision of schools requires the services of a man who has made educational methods a special study and who has practical experience in the management of schools.

Few school committees have the time nor opportunity to become familiar with the duties of school supervision, or to perform these duties in the best manner possible. Although our school committees may do for our schools all that their time and experience will permit, and perhaps all the town has a right to expect of them, yet the conscientious school committee will know that, if left entirely to them, many school affairs will be neglected, and much of the school supervision improperly done. It has been found that in towns having a superintendent of schools the schools have been very greatly improved.

We would, therefore, respectfully ask and recommend the town to appropriate such a sum as will enable your committee to accept the provisions of this law.

The schools for 1889-90 will commence as follows: Spring term, April 15; fall term, August 26; Winter term, December 2.

LOUIS S. BROWN,	}	<i>School Committee.</i>
ROBERT V. SAWIN,		
NEWTON S. HUBBARD.		

Annual Reports.

Brimfield, Mass.

1890.

REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 3, 1890.



PALMER, MASS.:

PRESS OF C. B. FISKE & COMPANY.

1890.

Town Officers for 1889-90.

CLERK AND TREASURER.

HENRY F. BROWN.

SELECTMEN.

OSCAR F. BROWN,

JOSIAH STEBBINS,

ORRIN HICKS.

ASSESSORS.

SAMUEL W. BROWN,

JOHN SHANLY,

GEORGE W. SHERMAN.

COLLECTOR.

CHARLES S. TARBELL.

AUDITORS.

CHARLES A. HOMER,

LOUIS S. BROWN.

CONSTABLES.

FRANCIS E. COOK,

ORRIN HICKS.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

ROBERT V. SAWIN, *NEWTON S. HUBBARD, GEORGE H. STREETER,

LOUIS S. BROWN.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

HENRY BLODGETT,

BYRON W. CHARLES.

JOHN L. CHAFFEE, JR.

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

FRANCIS E. COOK,

CHENEY NEWTON,

PETER W. MOORE.

FENCE VIEWERS.

SAMUEL W. BROWN,

DAVID W. JANES,

ALVA THAYER.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

GEORGE M. HITCHCOCK, EDWARD W. POTTER, CHENEY NEWTON.

LIBRARY DIRECTORS.

CHARLES A. HOMER,

LOUIS S. BROWN,

REV. W. K. PEIRCE.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER.

JOHN M. SMITH,

THOMAS J. MORGAN,

D. WINSLOW FOSKET,

HORATIO L. CONVERSE,

NORMAN S. POWERS.

FIELD DRIVERS.

ARTHUR B. BROWN,

ALVA THAYER,

EDWARD H. MORGAN,

GEORGE H. STREETER,

SEXTON.

GEORGE M. HITCHCOCK.

*Resigned.

Warrant for Town Meeting

APRIL 7, 1890.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

HAMPDEN SS.

TO FRANCIS E. COOK, Constable of Brimfield, GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Brimfield, Monday, the seventh day of April next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles:

ART. 1.—To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2.—To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year; also all committees and agents the business of the Town may require. All officers required by law to be chosen by ballot (except moderator and Town Clerk) must be on one ballot. The polls will be open at half-past ten o'clock a. m. and may be closed at half-past two p. m.

ART. 3.—To hear reports of officers and agents heretofore chosen by the Town, and act thereon.

ART. 4.—To raise money for the support of schools, highways, bridges, payment of town debts, and to defray expenses for the ensuing year and direct how the same shall be expended.

ART. 5.—To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 6.—To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the current year; also to borrow money to renew, replace, or pay any existing loan or loans or any part thereof.

ART. 7.—To see if the Town will allow a discount on taxes if paid within certain periods, or act thereon.

ART. 8.—To see what disposition the town will make of their dog fund, or act thereon.

ART. 9.—To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use the means for collecting taxes which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed collector.

ART. 10.—To see if the Town will cause to be printed the reports of their officers and agents or any part of the same.

ART. 11.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any money for state aid.

ART. 12.—To bring in their votes "Yes," or "No," upon the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 13.—To see if the the town will revoke the vote of April 1, 1889, accepting the provisions of sections 74, 75, 76 and 77 of chapter 27 of the Public Statutes in relation to Road Commissioners.

ART. 14.—To see if the town will accept the report of the Road Commissioners on the laying out of a town way on petition of Josiah Stebbins and others, commencing at a point near the house of Josiah Stebbins to a point near the house of John F. Lombard, known as the Gardner place; also the report of said Commissioners laying out a gravel pit on land of George F. Holdridge.

ART. 15.—To see if the town will accept of the provisions of chapter four hundred and thirty-one (431) of the acts and resolves of the year 1888, or act thereon.

ART. 16.—To see if the town will dispose of school houses Nos. 4 and 9, or use them for other than school purposes, or act thereon.

ART. 17.—To see what sum of money (if any) the town will appropriate for Decoration Day.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, one at the Center Post office, and by mailing a copy to the Post Offices at East and West Brimfield, and by mailing or otherwise sending a copy to Foskit's mills, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said Brimfield, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

OSCAR F. BROWN,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
JOSIAH STEBBINS,	
ORRIN HICKS,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Brimfield.</i>

Town Treasurer's Report

Of the receipts and expenditures of the Town of Brimfield for the year ending March 3, 1890.

VOTE OF THE TOWN.

VOTED.—That so much of the cash in the hands of the Town Treasurer as may be required therefor, be appropriated for the payment of the outstanding bills of last year, and the same not to be charged against the appropriations for the current year, and the balance of said cash in the Treasurer's hands with so much of the uncollected tax of 1888 as may be required therefor be appropriated for the construction of the new road in the West part of the town, and for the payment of Town debts. Voted April 22, 1889.

TOWN DEBT AND BILLS FOR 1888-9.

APPROPRIATION.

Cash in Treasurer's hands, balance March 6,	
1889,	\$3,216.59
Balance of tax of 1888 uncollected,	785.11
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	\$4,001.70

PAYMENTS.

The figures at the left of names indicate the number of bill and order granted thereon.

HIGHWAYS.

Order No.	
37. John F. Lumbard, paid for gravel,	\$2.13
63. Charles Jennings, sewer pipe,	20.25

87.	George L. Agard,	1.72	
244.	John L. Bacon,	2.44	
		<hr/>	\$26.54

BRIDGES.

244.	John L. Bacon, . . . .	.50	
		<hr/>	.50

SCHOOLS.

22.	Thompson Brown & Co., Text books,	22.50	
45.	B. B. Fenton, for janitor,	1.00	
		<hr/>	\$23.50

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

3.	William A. Gilbert, School No. 2, . .	2.98	
		<hr/>	\$2.98

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

1.	John Haley, wood for W. E. Hitchcock,	3.00	
2.	Orus E. Parker, services as overseer,	16.00	
12.	Needham Moulton, for Chas. Moulton,	4.00	
19.	John F. Converse, merchandise for Carroll,	9.26	
20.	F. W. Fenton, merchandise for Alms-house,	1.55	
		<hr/>	\$33.81

OFFICERS SALARIES.

7.	Oscar F. Brown, service as Selectman,	2.00	
		<hr/>	\$2.00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

9.	Frank R. Newton, supplies at Town House, . . . .	.85	
19.	John F. Converse, merchandise for Town House,	2.00	
		<hr/>	\$2.85

	Total payment for bills, 1888-9, . .		\$92.18
	Balance unexpended,		\$3,909.52
	Transfer for Highway repairs, 1889-90, . .	79.05	
	“ “ New road, 1889-90,	2,473.91	
	“ “ Bridges, 1889-90,	231.75	

Transfer for Repair of school houses, 1889-90,	\$ 25.11	
“ “ Salaries of officers, 1889-90, .	76.91	
“ “ Support of poor, 1889-90. .	325.09	
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Total transfers, 1889-90, . .		\$3,211.82
Balance unexpended, 1889-90, . .		697.70
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		\$3,909.52

EXPENDITURES FOR 1880-90.—FOR HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation,	\$ 1,500.00	
Transfer from balance of 1888-9, . .	79.05	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,579.05

PAYMENTS.

10. Wilbur G. Parker,	\$ 2.10
14. George M. Hitchcock,	30.95
28. Byron W. Charles,	56.60
29. John F. Lumbard,	5.34
33. John L. Chaffee, Jr.,	73.70
35. Henry Blodgett,	199.00
36. John L. Chaffee, Jr.,	134.50
64. Henry Blodgett,	45.00
65. A. D. Thomas,	44.60
68. Josiah Stebbins,	4.00
69. Byron W. Charles,	122.45
82. George M. Hitchcock,	1.00
88. John L. Chaffee, Jr.,	5.00
91. Henry Adams,	1.00
99. Henry Blodgett,	56.00
100. Byron W. Charles,	10.20
103. John L. Chaffee, Jr.,	25.60
123. Henry Blodgett,	99.00
124. Henry Blodgett, for guide board, . .	2.00
127. John L. Chaffee, Jr.,	65.50
129. John L. Chaffee, Jr.,	21.10
161. John L. Chaffee, Jr.,	3.00
163. A. D. Thomas,	4.50
164. Henry Blodgett,	20.70
181. E. C. Marsh,	2.42

183.	Henry Blodgett,	.	.	.	\$48.00	
185.	Thomas J. Morgan,	.	.	.	.75	
196.	David W. Janes,	.	.	.	3.00	
197.	Byron W. Charles,	.	.	.	12.15	
						<hr/> \$1,099.16

FOR ROAD MACHINE.

69.	Byron W. Charles, for freight,	.	\$	6.66	
245.	American Road Machine Co., for				
	Machine, . . . . .	.		250.00	
245.	American Road Machine Co., for				
	repairs, . . . . .	.		12.85	
				<hr/>	\$ 269.51

RAILING FOR HIGHWAYS.

68.	Josiah Stebbins,	.	.	.	\$	12.00	
69.	Byron W. Charles,	.	.	.		3.60	
84.	Josiah Stebbins,	.	.	.		3.50	
85.	William H. Shaw,	.	.	.		3.84	
88.	John L. Chaffee, Jr.,	.	.	.		2.89	
91.	Henry Adams,	.	.	.		15.75	
123.	Henry Blodgett,	.	.	.		33.75	
129.	John L. Chaffee, Jr.,	.	.	.		4.50	
161.	John L. Chaffee, Jr.,	.	.	.		6.25	
163.	A. D. Thomas,	.	.	.		72.75	
166.	Josiah Stebbins,	.	.	.		20.80	
183.	Henry Blodgett,	.	.	.		22.50	
184.	A. D. Thomas,	.	.	.		8.25	
							<hr/> \$210.38
Total payments,							<hr/> \$1,579.05

FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ROAD.

APPROPRIATION.

By transfer from balance of 1888-9,	.		\$2,473.91
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PAYMENTS.

24.	Carrie M. Smith, copying order,	.	\$1.00
30.	Gilbert F. Lincoln,	.	400.00
31.	Pamelia S. Wells, for land,	.	45.00
66.	Gilbert F. Lincoln,	.	600.00

81.	Gilbert F. Lincoln,	\$400.00	
107.	Gilbert F. Lincoln,	722.25	
121.	W. H. Hitchcock, for drain pipe, .	12.44	
159.	Pamelia S. Wills, grading drive-ways,	5.00	
166.	Josiah Stebbins, putting in drain pipe,	2.25	
		<hr/>	\$2,187.94

RAILING FOR NEW ROAD.

89.	Josiah Stebbins,	165.33	
122.	Josiah Stebbins,	8.50	
		<hr/>	\$ 173.83

BRIDGE FOR NEW ROAD.

39.	R. F. Hawkins, bridge bolts, .	5.80	
40.	Edgerton & Francis, bolt washers, .	1.50	
41.	Oscar F. Brown, sundries, . .	7.40	
42.	Orrin Hicks, timber, . . .	32.44	
43.	George Stebbins, labor, . . .	5.50	
84.	Josiah Stebbins, timber, . . .	11.50	
85.	Wm. H. Shaw, plank,	4.72	
86.	Orrin Hicks, labor,	6.00	
90.	D. W. Fosket, plank and spikes, .	12.28	
		<hr/>	\$ 87.14

SERVICES OF THE SELECTMEN.

236.	Oscar F. Brown,	8.00	
237.	Orrin Hicks,	8.00	
238.	Josiah Stebbins,	9.00	
		<hr/>	\$25.00

Total payments for new road, . \$2,473.91

In the construction of the bridge 630 feet of the plank of the town were used, valued at \$10.08, which added to the above makes the total cost of the road, \$2,483.99.

FOR SUPPORT OF BRIDGES.

Appropriation,	\$ 150.00	
Transfer from balance of 1888-9, . .	231.75	
	<hr/>	\$ 381.75

PAYMENTS.

29.	John F. Lumbard, Plain brook, .	27.31
38.	F. Edgar Brown, Plain brook, .	4.12

64.	Henry Blodgett,	.	.	.	\$3.00
65.	A. D. Thomas,	.	.	.	11.62
85.	Wm. H. Shaw, for plank,	.	.	.	56.21
88.	John L. Chaffee, Jr.,	.	.	.	6.25
103.	John L. Chaffee, Jr., Wales' brook,				95.85
199.	Henry Blodgett, Fosket bridge,	.			86.16
200.	John L. Chaffee, Jr., Swamp road,				15.75
201.	Town of Palmer, $\frac{1}{2}$ repairs, King				
	bridge,	.	.	.	71.60
246.	H. L. Converse, spikes and nails,	.			3.88
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					\$ 381.75

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

APPROPRIATIONS.

For wages and board of teachers, fuel and		
care of school houses, . . .	\$1,350.00	
For conveyance of pupils, text books, etc., .	150.00	
For services of school committee, . .	100.00	
Income of school fund, . . .	305.69	
	<hr/>	\$1,905.69

Paid for wages and board of teachers, for fuel and care of school houses for the year ending March 3, 1890.

Names of Teachers.	No. of School.	Wages for Summer Term.	Wages for Fall Term.	Wages for Winter Term.	Fuel and Care of Houses.	Total.
Olive J. Hale,	1	\$60.00	\$70 00	\$70.00		
Anna L. Griggs,	1	60.00	00.00	00.00		
Madeline B Haynes,	1	00.00	50.00	00 00		
Lizzie Kline,	1	00 00	00 00	48.00	\$54.83	\$412.83
Mary E. Doescher,	2	80.00	00 00	00.00		
M P. Foster,	2	00.00	80.00	80.00	27.50	267.50
Malora Booth,	3	70 00	70.00	70.00	25.75	235.75
	4		No	School		
Nora C. Burns,	5	70 00	00.00	00.00		
Minnie J. Corbin,	5	00.00	45.00	52.80	16.25	184.05
Ida R. Agard,	6	54 00	63.00	70.00	6.75	193.75
Lydia H. Beck,	7	70.00	00.00	00.00		
Lucy M. Booth,	7	00.00	50.00	55.00	33.50	208.50
	8		No	School		
	9		No	School		
M. P. Foster,	10	70.00	00 00	00.00		
Emma L Holdridge,	10	00.00	50 00	00.00	1.50	121.50
		\$534.00	\$478.00	\$445.80	\$166.08	\$1,623 88

FOR TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

46.	R. V. Sawin, express on books and maps,	\$.60
59.	H. E. Blount, for maps,	30.00
61.	Louis S. Brown, for supplies,	2.30
109.	Louis S. Brown, for supplies,	.45
135.	N. S. Hubbard, freight on text books,	.48
146.	G. F. King & Merrill, text books, etc.,	41.02
202.	Edw. E. Babb & Co., text books,	12.80
203.	Harper & Brothers, text books,	20.73
204.	Geo. F. King & Merrill, supplies,	2.25
234.	Louis S. Brown, express and cartage,	2.05
246.	H. L. Converse, for postage,	5.18
246.	H. L. Converse, supplies,	.73
		<hr/> \$118.59

FOR CONVEYANCE OF PUPILS.

71.	C. M. Corbin,	.	.	.	\$6.00	
72.	T. C. Blashfield,	.	.	.	5.00	
140.	C. M. Corbin,	.	.	.	6.00	
215.	George Adams,	.	.	.	23.00	
216.	Mrs. George G. Williams,	.	.	.	15.00	
217.	Albert C. Pinney,	.	.	.	7.50	
						<hr/> \$62.50

FOR SALARIES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

46.	R. V. Savin,	.	.	.	\$16.00	
58.	George H. Streeter,	.	.	.	11.00	
135.	Newton S. Hubbard,	.	.	.	15.00	
138.	George H. Streeter,	.	.	.	8.00	
139.	R. V. Savin,	.	.	.	12.00	
218.	R. V. Savin,	.	.	.	7.00	
219.	George H. Streeter,	.	.	.	8.00	
234.	Louis S. Brown,	.	.	.	6.00	
						<hr/> \$83.00
						<hr/> \$1,887.97
Balance unexpended,						17.72
						<hr/> \$1,905.69

REPAIR OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Appropriation,	.	.	.	.	\$200.00	
Transfer from balance of 1888-9,	.	.	.	.	25.11	
						<hr/> \$225.11

PAYMENTS.

26.	Newton S. Hubbard, furniture, etc.,	\$8.25
105.	Wm. A. Gilbert, repairs, No. 6,	112.00
135.	Newton S. Hubbard, repairs, No. 7,	5.81
142.	Wm. A. Gilbert, repairs, No. 6,	6.79
143.	O. D. Case & Co., Desks, No. 6.	42.90
144.	J. W. S. Wetherell, shingling, etc.,	
	No. 7,	11.30

145.	N. R. Moore, lumber, shingles, etc.,		
	No. 7,	\$18.43	
173.	Fred J. Brown, repairs, No. 1, . . . . .	.40	
185.	Thomas J. Morgan, lumber for fence,		
	No. 1,	8.72	
187.	Jonathan P. Webber, making fence,		
	No. 1,	7.80	
214.	Lucy M. Booth, repairs, No. 7, . . . . .	.25	
220.	J. M. Scarborough, repairs, No. 2,	1.50	
246.	H. L. Converse, merchandise for No. 1, . . . . .	.96	
		<hr/>	\$225.11

OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Appropriation,	\$500.00	
Transfer from balance of 1888-9,	76.91	
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		\$576.91

PAYMENTS.

SELECTMEN.

7.	Oscar F. Brown,	\$6.00	
8.	Josiah Stebbins,	6.00	
236.	Oscar F. Brown,	22.00	
237.	Orrin Hicks,	20.00	
238.	Josiah Stebbins,	22.00	
		<hr/>	\$76.00

ASSESSORS.

102.	Samuel W. Brown,	\$35.00	
104.	John Shanly,	35.00	
106.	George W. Sherman,	33.00	
		<hr/>	\$103.00

REGISTRARS OF VOTES.

7.	Oscar F. Brown,	\$1.00	
8.	Josiah Stebbins,	2.00	
235.	Henry F. Brown,	7.00	
236.	Oscar F. Brown,	4.00	
237.	Orrin Hicks,	3.00	
238.	Josiah Stebbins,	3.00	
		<hr/>	\$20.00

JANITOR, TOWN HOUSE.

Elmer W. Carder, salary for the year,	\$103.96
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COLLECTOR.

241. Charles S. Tarbell, balance of salary for 1888-9,	\$20.00
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TOWN CLERK.

235. Henry F. Brown, salary,	\$20.00
235. Henry F. Brown, Marriages, births and deaths,	16.45
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	\$36.45

TOWN TREASURER.

235. Henry F. Brown, salary,	\$ 30.00
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SEXTON.

13. George M. Hitchcock,	18.00
82. George M. Hitchcock,	18.00
101. George M. Hitchcock,	21.00
155. George M. Hitchcock,	6.00
229. George M. Hitchcock,	9.00
229. George M. Hitchcock, return of deaths,	6.50
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	\$ 78.50

CONSTABLES.

27. Francis E. Cook, serving warrants,	7.50
231. Francis E. Cook, serving warrants,	10.00
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	\$ 17.50

LIBRARIAN.

31. Elmer W. Carder,	12.50
95. Elmer W. Carder,	12.50
156. Elmer W. Carder,	12.50
232. Elmer W. Carder,	12.50
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	\$ 50.00

ELECTION OFFICERS.

160. Louis S. Brown, entrance and time keeper,	2.00
177. John Shanly, ballot clerk,	2.00
182. F. Edgar Brown, ballot clerk,	2.00
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	\$ 6.00

COMMITTEE TO SETTLE WITH OVERSEERS OF POOR.

229.	George M. Hitchcock,	.	.	\$4.00	
233.	Charles S. Tarbell,	.	.	4.00	
235.	Henry F. Brown,	.	.	5.00	
				<hr/>	\$ 13.00

TRUANT OFFICER.

231.	Francis E. Cook,	.	.	.	\$ 1.00
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PERAMBULATION OF TOWN LINES.

236.	Oscar F. Brown,	.	.	.	5.00
236.	Oscar F. Brown, for team,	.	.	.	2.00
237.	Orrin Hicks,	.	.	.	6.00
237.	Orrin Hicks, for team,	.	.	.	1.50
238.	Josiah Stebbins,	.	.	.	6.00
238.	Josiah Stebbins, for team,	.	.	.	1.00
				<hr/>	\$ 21.50

FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.

Appropriation,	.	.	.	.	\$ 1,400.00
Transfer from balance of 1888-9,	.	.	.	.	325.09
				<hr/>	\$1,725.09

PAYMENTS FOR ALMSHOUSE.

5.	J. H. Plimpton, balance salary,	.	.	31.25
6.	H. L. Converse, merchandise,	.	.	25.21
15.	H. L. Converse, merchandise,	.	.	43.82
21.	R. V. Sawin, M. D., balance of salary,	.	.	2.50
21.	R. V. Sawin, Asthma remedy,	.	.	3.45
44.	Richard H. Arnold, for repairs,	.	.	22.50
46.	R. V. Sawin, M. D.,	.	.	3.60
48.	H. L. Converse, merchandise,	.	.	43.17
61.	Louis S. Brown, merchandise,	.	.	27.98
74.	Ladd Bros & Co., insurance permit,	.	.	1.00
78.	F. A. Smith, for insurance,	.	.	36.00
83.	Louis S. Brown, merchandise,	.	.	11.73
92.	R. V. Sawin, M. D.,	.	.	6.00
97.	John A. McKinstry, salary,	.	.	93.75
97.	John A. McKinstry, for cash advanced,	.	.	50.00

98.	H. L. Converse, merchandise,	.	\$19.15
108.	John A. McKinstry, salary,	.	93.75
125.	Louis S. Brown, merchandise,	.	27.17
167.	Town of Wales, for tax,	.	3.42
169.	H. L. Converse, merchandise,	.	14.84
171.	Amory Davison, for 6 Heifers,	.	90.00
175.	Frank A. Smith, insurance,	.	20.00
180.	Louis S. Brown, merchandise,	.	16.36
192.	John A. McKinstry, salary,	.	93.75
223.	R. V. Sawin, M. D.,	.	10.80
226.	H. L. Converse, merchandise,	.	22.82
227.	John A. McKinstry, for cash ad- vanced,	.	50.16
227.	John A. McKinstry, salary, to March 1,	.	62.50
231.	F. E. Cook, use of team, etc.,	.	.50
234.	Louis S. Brown, merchandise,	.	7.24
243.	C. B. Fiske & Co., tramp permits,	.	2.03
246.	H. L. Converse, merchandise,	.	7.57
			<hr/> \$ 944.02

SERVICES OF OVERSEERS FOR ALMSHOUSE.

230.	Peter W. Moore,	.	12.00
231.	Francis E. Cook,	.	19.00
239.	Cheney Newton,	.	17.00
			<hr/> \$ 48.00

PAYMENTS FOR OUTSIDE POOR.

11.	Needham Moulton, for C. Moulton,	.	\$8.71
17.	H. L. Converse, merchandise Miss Carroll,	.	3.00
18.	Northampton Hospital, for Mrs. Calk- ins,	.	41.79
47.	City of Brockton, for Dearth family,	.	25.00
48.	H. L. Converse, merchandise for Miss Carroll,	.	6.00
49.	J. B. Gould, merchandise for Miss Carroll,	.	1.75
75.	Francis Locke, moving Hill family,	.	3.50
76.	Northampton Hospital, for Mrs. Calk-		

	ins,	\$42.25	
111.	Northampton Hospital, for Mrs. Calk- ins,	42.71	
112.	Town of Palmer, Hill family,	5.00	
119.	George B. Brown, merchandise for Kibbe,	5.00	
131.	H. L. Converse, merchandise for Miss Carroll,	12.60	
168.	Town of Sturbridge, for Work's burial,	4.25	
170.	H. L. Converse, merchandise for Miss Carroll,	6.00	
193.	F. E. Cook, expenses Dearth case,	7.45	
194.	Northampton Hospital, for Mrs. Calk- ins,	42.71	
224.	City of Brockton, for Dearth family,	50.28	
225.	H. L. Converse, merchandise for Miss Carroll,	6.00	
228.	E. W. Hitchcock, merchandise for Miss Carroll,	12.00	
231.	F. E. Cook, team and expenses,	3.25	
231.	F. E. Cook, for postage, . . . . .	.50	
242.	George B. Brown, merchandise for Kibbe,	26.92	
246.	H. L. Converse, merchandise for Miss Carroll,	3.00	
		<hr/>	\$359.67

SERVICES OF OVERSEERS FOR OUTSIDE POOR.

193.	F. E. Cook, Dearth family,	\$ 4.00	
231.	F. E. Cook, Hill family,	4.00	
239.	Cheney Newton, Hill family and Kibbe,	3.00	
		<hr/>	\$11.00

FOR ADDITION TO ALMSHOUSE.

44.	Richard H. Arnold, labor and bills paid,	\$163.17	
77.	F. F. Marcy, for lumber*,	189.23	
		<hr/>	\$352.40

—*Labor and materials were furnished from the Almshouse to the amount of \$10.00, making the cost of the addition \$372.40.

SERVICES OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

230.	Peter W. Moore,	.	.	.	\$3.00	
231.	Francis E. Cook,	.	.	.	5.00	
239.	Cheney Newton,	.	.	.	2.00	
					<hr/>	\$10.00
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						\$1,725.09

FOR MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES.

Appropriation,	\$730.00	
For Town debt and interest,	90.00	
					<hr/>	\$820.00

PAYMENTS FOR TOWN HOUSE.

4.	E. W. Carder, splitting wood,	.	.	.	.75	
25.	Frank A. Smith, insurance,	.	.	.	45.00	
38.	F. Edgar Brown, shavings,	.	.	.	.60	
109.	Louis S. Brown, merchandise,	.	.	.	4.75	
113.	William H. Shaw, wood,	.	.	.	35.10	
117.	E. W. Carder, sawing wood,	.	.	.	9.00	
126.	Louis S Brown, kerosene,	.	.	.	5.85	
178.	E. W. Carder, moving plank, etc.,	.	.	.	1.90	
190.	E. A. Rice, stoves and repairs,	.	.	.	39.50	
195.	F. Edgar Brown, shavings,70	
					<hr/>	\$143.15

FOR TAX ABATEMENTS.

240.	Charles S. Tarbell,	.	.	.		\$41.68
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EXPENSES OF LAW SUITS.

FOR M. P. HANLEY CASE.

158.	Oscar F. Brown, fees paid witnesses,				\$55.45	
162.	F. E. Cook, summoning witnesses, etc.,				11.50	
236.	Oscar F. Brown, for services,	.	.	.	23.00	
236.	Oscar F. Brown, for expenses,	.	.	.	26.00	
237.	Orrin Hicks, for services,	.	.	.	3.00	
238.	Josiah Stebbins, for services,	.	.	.	13.00	
238.	Josiah Stebbins, for expenses,	.	.	.	2.06	
					<hr/>	\$134.01

FOR FRANK C. ALLEN CASE.

158.	Oscar F. Brown, witness fees paid, .	\$31.40	
162.	F. E. Cook, summoning witnesses, .	2.50	
244.	John L. Bacon, for services, .	9.00	
		<hr/>	\$42.90

FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES.

7.	Oscar F. Brown, expenses to Stafford,	\$1.00	
11.	C. Newton, ballot distributor, .	1.50	
16.	E. W. Carder, ballot distributor, .	1.50	
23.	C. B. Fiske & Co., town reports, .	43.70	
60.	R. V. Sawin, mowing common, .	4.00	
60.	R. V. Sawin, returning births, .	1.75	
79.	F. E. Cook, mowing Cemetery, .	15.00	
82.	George M. Hitchcock, lumber and labor Cemetery,	4.14	
102.	S.W. Brown, express and postage paid,	2.00	
109.	Louis S. Brown, . . . . .	.15	
110.	Ladd Bros. & Co., Insurance, No. 2,	22.50	
115.	F. E. Cook, mowing Cemetery, .	10.00	
120.	Herald Printing Co., Tax bills, .	2.50	
131.	F. W. Fenton, damage on highway, .	13.93	
133.	Oscar C. Marcy, conveyance Co. Com.	3.00	
134.	R. Ruffin, engineering,	5.75	
165.	E. B. Webber, damage on highway, .	75.00	
176.	James Harvey, voting compartments,	13.40	
179.	S. W. Brown, expenses to Boston, .	9.55	
198.	Homer Foot & Co., chain,	1.29	
201.	Town of Palmer, monument town line,	6.17	
235.	Henry F. Brown, express, postage, etc.,	8.97	
236.	Oscar F. Brown, for expenses, .	14.55	
237.	Orrin Hicks, for expenses, . . . . .	.62	
246.	H. L. Converse, merchandise, .	1.30	
247.	Peter W. Moore, burial of Miss Moore,	3.00	
		<hr/>	\$266.27

FOR TOWN DEBT AND INTEREST.

62.	Palmer Savings Bank,	.	.	\$45.00	
172.	Palmer Savings Bank,	.	.	73.29	
				<hr/>	\$118.29
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					\$746.30
	Balance unexpended,	.	.		73.70
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					\$820.00

FOR STATE AID.

Appropriation,	\$50.00	
Aid repaid by the State,	132.00	
					<hr/>	\$182.00

PAYMENTS.

Mary J. Willcott,	.	.	.	.	\$4.00	
Alonzo Allen,	.	.	.	.	48.00	
Margaret H. Marsh,	48.00	
E. W. Carder,	55.00	
Aluia E. Sibley,	24.00	
					<hr/>	\$179.00
	Balance unexpended,	.	.			3.00
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						\$182.00

FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY.

APPROPRIATION.

Unexpended balance March 3, 1889,	.		\$87.51	
Dog fund, for 1888,	.	.	120.61	
			<hr/>	\$ 208.12

PAYMENTS

93.	William Macdonald & Co., for books,	53.63
94.	J. B. Lippincott & Co., Magazine,	2.25
109.	Louis S. Brown,	.40
116.	Frank H. Potter, for printing,	7.00
118.	O. P. Allen, Magazines,	5.65
157.	O. P. Allen, Magazines,	8.05
221.	Springfield Printing & Binding Co.,	
	binding books and magazines,	32.00

223.	David G. Francis, 67 Vols. Harper's Magazine,	\$68.00	
234.	Louis S. Brown, express and cartage,	2.90	
		<hr/>	\$179.88
	Balance unexpended,		28.24
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			\$ 208.12

FOR STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

132.	For County Tax,	534.08	
191.	For State Tax,	500.00	
		<hr/>	\$1,034.08

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1889-90.

		Appropriations.	Payments.
For highways,		\$ 1,300.00	1,368.67
Railings,		200.00	210.38
Bridges,		150.00	381.75
Snow paths,		150.00	None
Schools,	\$1,350.00		
Income of school fund,	305.69	1.655.69	1,623.88
For Conveyance, text books, etc.,		150.00	181.09
Services of school committee,		100.00	83.00
School house repairs,		200.00	225.11
Support of poor,		1,400.00	1,725.09
Officers' salaries,		500.00	576.91
Interest on town debt,		90.00	118.29
State aid, by tax,	\$ 50.		
Repaid by state,	132.	182.00	179.00
Discount on taxes,		330.00	308.48
Miscellaneous expenses,		730.00	628.01
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		\$ 7,137.69	\$ 7,609.66
Payments over appropriations,		471.97	
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		\$ 7,609.66	

ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR TO MARCH, 1891.

For highways,	\$1,400.00
Bridges,	150.00

Snow paths,	\$ 150.00
Schools,	1,350.00
Conveyance, text books, etc.,	150.00
Salaries of school committee,	100.00
Repairs of school houses,	150.00
Support of paupers,	1,300.00
Officers' salaries,	500.00
Miscellaneous expenses,	700.00
Interest on town debt,	160.00
State aid,	50.00
Discount on taxes,	300.00
	<hr/> \$6,460.00

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

1890.

March 1. One horse,	\$ 40.00
Two oxen,	100.00
Four cows (new milch), \$25.00,	100.00
Three Farrow, 15.00,	45.00
Eight two years old, 18.00,	144.00
Six shoats, estimated 800 pounds,	30.00
Forty-four farm fowls, .50,	22.00
	<hr/> \$ 481.00
 Ten tons English hay, 15.00,	150.00
Twelve tons meadow hay, 5.00,	60.00
One thousand pounds rye straw, 14.00,	7.00
Fifty bushels corn on the ear,25,	12.50
Two bushels oats,40, . . . . .	.80
Twenty-four bushels rye, .70,	16.80
Lot seed corn, . . . . . . . . . .	.50
Thirteen bushels cob meal,30,	3.90
	<hr/> \$ 251.50
 Farming tools, wood, etc.,	305.02
Provisions,	94.78

Household furniture, . . .	\$ 307.95	
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		\$1,440.25
Inventory March 1, 1889, . . .	\$ 1,628.72	
Loss on inventory, . . .		188.47
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		\$ 1,628.72

FARM PRODUCTS IN 1889.

English hay, 15 tons,	\$15.00,	\$ 225.00	
Meadow hay, 15 tons,	5.00,	75.00	
Corn fodder, 4 tons,	2.00,	8.00	
Oat straw, 1 ton,		6.00	
Rye straw, $\frac{3}{4}$ ton,	14.00,	10.50	
Potatoes, 50 bushels,	.50,	25.00	
Beets, 5 bushels,	.40,	2.00	
Carrots, 3 bushels,	.50,	1.50	
Parsnips, 3 bushels,	.40,	1.20	
Peas, 3 bushels,	.50,	1.50	
Apples, 2 barrels,	.75,	1.50	
Corn, 100 bushels,	.50,	50.00	
Fodder corn, 10 tons,	2.00,	20.00	
Oats, 55 bushels,	.40,	22.00	
Rye, 18 bushels,	.70,	12.60	
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Tomatoes, 2 bushels,	.35,	
Pork, 1270 pounds,	.06,	
Beef, 600 pounds,	.04,	
Squash, 200 pounds,	.01 $\frac{1}{2}$,	
Sweet corn, 15 bushels,	.30,	
Cabbage, 125 heads,	.01 $\frac{1}{2}$,	
Peas, 1 bushel,	.75,	
Eggs, 138 dozen.		
Poultry, 84 pounds.		
Chickens, 22.		
Beans, $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel.		
String beans, 2 bushels.		

PAYMENTS FOR LABOR.

1889.		
March 11	Paid Wm. Campbell, . . .	\$3.00
April 1.	J. H. Plimpton, (Warden,) . . .	31.25
May 20.	Dick Costello, 4 days, . . .	4.00
May 31.	M. Moore, (planting corn,) . . .	.50
July 6.	Jos. Busher, haying, . . .	11.25
July 6.	Jos. Busher, 2 boys, 1 day, . . .	1.00
July 26.	Jos. Paul, 19 days, . . .	42.75
July 26.	Busher boy, 7½ days, . . .	3.75
July 26.	Felix Wayne, hoeing and haying, . . .	28.00
Aug. 1.	Moon, cutting rye, . . .	2.00
Aug. 23.	Osgood, for threshing 35 bushels oats, . . .	2.10
Nov. 1.	Mrs. Hall, making dress for Mrs. Nichols, . . .	1.00
Nov. 2.	Mrs. Moore, making dress and sheets for family, . . .	1.80
Nov. 21.	Pat. White, butchering, . . .	1.50
1890.		
March 1.	J. A. McKinstry, Warden, . . .	343.75
		<hr/> \$ 477.65
Labor, 1888-9, . . . \$604.08		
Labor, 1889-90, . . . 477.65		
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Difference, . . . \$126.43		

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
TOWN OF BRIMFIELD.

1889.		DR.
March 1.	To farm as appraised, . . .	\$4,000.00
	Neat stock, . . .	619.00
	Hay and grain, . . .	219.62
	Farming tools and wood, . . .	361.40
	Provisions, . . .	130.55
	Household furniture, . . .	298.15
	Interest on above at 4 per cent, . . .	225.15
	Orders paid for Almshouses, . . .	944.02

Orders paid for outside poor, .	\$359.67	
Salaries of Overseers of Poor, for services at Almshouse, .	48.00	
For services for outside poor, .	11.00	
	<hr/>	\$7,216.56

1890.

CR.

March 1. By farm as appraised, . . .	\$4,000.00	
Neat stock,	481.00	
Hay and grain,	251.50	
Farming tools and wood,	305.02	
Provisions,	94.78	
Household furniture,	307.95	
Due from J. B. Gould for hay,	25.00	
Received of J. B. Gould for 4 steers,	130.00	
Due from North Brookfield, for support of Harlow B. Kib- bie,	31.92	
Due from Worcester County Creamery,	15.00	
Balance, amount cost to support the poor,	1,574.39	
	<hr/>	\$7,216.56

From amount it has cost to support the poor, \$1,574.39

Deduct the expense for those outside the
almshouse, 370.67

Leaving what it has cost to support poor at
Almshouse, \$1,203.72

Average number of inmates at almshouse, $8\frac{1}{2}$

Number of weeks board for inmates, $441\frac{5}{7}$

Board of 371 tramps, estimated $\frac{3}{4}$ day each, $39\frac{2}{7}$

Total number of weeks board furnished at
Almshouse, 481

Cost of each week's board at Almshouse, \$2.50 $\frac{2}{10}$

Cost of each week's board after deducting
interest on farm and personal property, \$2.03 $\frac{4}{10}$

IMPROVEMENTS ON FARM.

Building fence,	\$21.00
Grading door yard,	12.00
Drawing sand on meadow,	18.00
Building bridge and repairing road,	15.00
Moving and laying wall,	24.00
Digging rocks and stumps,	12.00
Cutting brush in pasture,	20.00
Repairing road,	3.00
Timber for tramp room and wood house,	7.50
Laying foundation for wood house,	2.50
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	\$135.00

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
TOWN OF BRIMFIELD FOR THE ALMS-
HOUSE AND FARM.

1889.

Dr.

March 1. To Farm as appraised,	\$ 4,000.00
Neat stock,	619.00
Hay and grain,	219.62
Farming tools and wood,	361.40
Provisions,	130.55
Household furniture,	298.15
One year's interest on above at 4 per cent,	225.15
Farm products, 1889,	461.80
Cash paid on orders for Alms- house,	944.02
Services of Overseers,	48.00
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	\$ 7,307.69

1890.

Cr.

March 1. By Farm as appraised,	\$ 4,000.00
Neat stock,	481.00
Hay and grain,	251.50
Farming tools and wood,	305.02
Provisions,	94.78
Household furniture,	307.95
Due from Worcester County Creamery,	15.00

Due from J. B. Gould, for		
hay,	\$25.00	
Received of J. B. Gould, for		
4 steers,	130.00	
Cash for products of farm sold,	219.95	
441 $\frac{5}{7}$ weeks' board of inmates		
at \$3.07 $\frac{1}{10}$,	1,356.82	
Board of 371 tramps estimated		
at $\frac{3}{4}$ day each at \$3.07 $\frac{1}{10}$,	120.67	
	<hr/>	\$ 7,307.69
Cost of each week's board, after deducting		
interest on farm and stock,	2.06	

GEO. M. HITCHCOCK,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
HENRY F. BROWN,		
CHAS. S. TARBELL,		

Collector's Report.

CHARLES S. TARBELL, COLLECTOR FOR 1888.

1889.	Dr.		
March 4.	To balance of tax for 1888,		
	uncollected,	.	.
			\$ 785.11
	Cr.		
April 2.	By Paid Town Treasurer,	.	85.74
May 6.	Paid Town Treasurer,	.	107.24
June 3.	Paid Town Treasurer,	.	116.39
Oct. 7.	Paid Town Treasurer,	.	55.83
Nov. 4.	Paid Town Treasurer,	.	43.44
1890.			
March 3.	Paid Town Treasurer,	.	314.32
March 4.	Paid Town Treasurer,	.	62.15
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			\$ 785.11

CHARLES S. TARBELL, COLLECTOR FOR 1889.

	Dr.		
To town tax, for 1899,	.	.	.
			\$ 7,899.76
	Cr.		
Aug. 5.	By Paid Town Treasurer,	.	\$ 364.98
Aug. 31.	Paid Town Treasurer,	.	116.73
Sept. 2.	Paid Town Treasurer,	.	2,520.51
Sept. 2.	Paid Town Treasurer,	.	42.87
	Discount allowed on above, at		
	6 per cent,	.	194.36
Oct. 7.	By Paid Town Treasurer,	.	231.02
Nov. 4.	Paid Town Treasurer,	.	149.48

Dec. 2.	Paid Town Treasurer,	.	\$285.91
1890.			
Jan. 6.	Paid Town Treasurer,	.	2,072.36
	Discount on the above at 4 per		
	cent,	.	114.12
Feb. 3.	By Paid Town Treasurer,	.	390.69
March 3.	Paid Town Treasurer,	.	216.04
	Balance uncollected,	.	1,200.69
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			\$7,899.76

CHAS. S. TARBELL, *Collector.*

Treasurer's Report.

HENRY F. BROWN, in account with the Town of Brimfield.			
1889.	Dr.		
Mar. 4.	To balance of settlement,	\$3,216.59	
	National Bank tax of State		
	Treasurer,	25.06	
April 6.	To rent of Second Congregational		
	Society,	125.00	
May 15.	To cash of J. B. Gould, for		
	Almshouse steers,	130.00	
June 21.	To cash of State support of Mur-		
	phy,	12.00	
July 2.	To cash borrowed of Palmer		
	Savings Bank,	1,500.00	
Dec. 10.	To Corporation tax from State		
	Treasurer,	568.06	
Dec. 10.	To National Bank tax from State		
	Treasurer,	181.76	
Dec. 10.	To State aid repaid by State		
	Treasurer,	132.00	
1890.			
Jan. 25.	To income of school fund from		
	State Treasurer,	305 69	
Feb. 3.	To Dog Fund from County		
	Treasurer,	100.76	
Feb. 3.	To cash of Town of Palmer for		
	one-half of bridge timber,	25.00	
Mar. 3.	To cash of E. W. Carder, old		
	stoves,	4.00	
Mar. 3.	To cash of E. W. Carder for use		

		of hall,	\$38.00	
Mar.	3.	To cash for histories sold,	10.00	
Mar.	3.	To cash of guardian of Augusta Calkins for board at hospital,	169.46	
Mar.	3.	To cash of C. S. Tarbell, balance tax of 1888,	785.11	
Mar.	3.	To cash of C. S. Tarbell, inter- est on tax of 1888,	36.72	
Mar.	3.	To cash of C. S. Tarbell, tax of 1889,	6,390.59	
			<hr/>	\$13,755.80
1890.		Cr.		
Mar.	3.	By paid orders as follows, viz :		
		For highways,	\$1,605.59	
		Bridges,	382.25	
		Schools,	1,911.47	
		School house repairs,	228.09	
		Paupers,	1,758.90	
		Salaries of officers,	578.91	
		Interest on town debt,	118.29	
		Miscellaneous expenses,	989.74	
		New road,	2,473.91	
		State and County taxes,	1,034.08	
		Balance in Treasurer's hands,	2,674.57	
			<hr/>	\$13,755.80

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

ASSETS.

Cash in the hands of Treasurer,	\$2,674.57	
Due from State for aid to soldiers,	155.00	
From Second Congregational Society,	125.00	
From tax of 1889 uncollected,	1,200.69	
	<hr/>	\$4,155.26

LIABILITIES.

Due Palmer Savings Bank,	\$3,500.00	
For interest to March 1,	39.38	
Library appropriation,	28.24	
For Dog Fund not appropriated,	100.76	
Goodale, cemetery fund,	50.00	

Due Northampton Hospital, for Mrs. Calkins,	\$28.17	
Balance assets over liabilities,	408.71	
	<hr/>	\$4,155.26

HARRIET ALLEN FUND.

Principal in Springfield Institution for Savings,	\$174.94	
Dividends to Jan. 1, 1890,	32.90	
	<hr/>	\$207.84

The undersigned having examined the foregoing accounts and the vouchers therefor find them correct.

LOUIS S. BROWN, *Auditor.*

INSURANCE ON TOWN PROPERTY.

Expires.	Name of Company.	Property.	Amount.	
Oct. 17, 1893,	Royal of Liverpool,	Town House,	\$ 1,650.00	
Oct. 17, 1893,	Royal of Liverpool,	Furniture, etc.,	850.00	
Oct. 17, 1893,	Hartford,	Town house,	1,560.00	
Oct. 17, 1893,	Hartford.	Furniture, etc.,	850.00	
March 22, 1894,	In. Co. of North America,	Town house,	2,000.00	
			<hr/>	\$7,000.00
Jan. 20, 1891,	Ætna of Hartford,	Public library,		\$1,500.00
April 25, 1890,	Quincy Mutual,	Almshouse,	\$ 1,700.00	
Feb. 1, 1894,	Ætna of Hartford,	Almshouse,	700.00	
Feb. 1, 1894,	Ætna of Hartford,	Furniture,	400.00	
Feb. 1, 1894,	Ætna of Hartford,	Ice house,	100.00	
July 15, 1894,	Ætna of Hartford,	Almshouse barn,	1,800.00	
Dec. 1, 1894,	Phoenix, Brooklyn,	Hog house,	100.00	
Dec. 1, 1894,	Phoenix, Brooklyn,	Hay, grain, tools,	400.00	
Dec. 1, 1894,	Phoenix, Brooklyn,	Live stock,	500.00	
			<hr/>	\$5,700.00
Dec. 1, 1891,	Ætna of Hartford,	School house No. 1,	\$ 2,700.00	
Aug. 8, 1894,	Ætna of Hartford,	School house No. 2,	1,000.00	
			<hr/>	\$3,700.00
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				\$17,900.00

Town Clerk's Report.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1889.

Date.	Bridegroom.	Residence.	Bride.	Residence.
1889.				
March 22.	Charles Leno,	Brimfield,	Alice St. George,	Brimfield.
May 16,	John E. Farrell,	Brimfield,	Dora E. Hitchcock,	Brimfield.
Oct. 6,	Clifton L. Gould,	Brimfield,	Mary L. Weld,	Sturbridge
Oct. 26,	Dexter F. Groves,	Brimfield.	Lucy Maria Graves,	Boyalston.
Nov. 2,	Elbridge H. Blair,	Willington, Ct.,	Loretta Coleman,	Brimfield,
Nov. 9,	Charles E. Barnes,	Warren,	Anna H. Pecot,	Brookfield,
Nov. 20,	Frank G. Hitchcock,	Brimfield,	Ida F. Dimmick,	Wales,
Nov. 27,	Charles A. Webber,	Holland,	Lilla N. Agard,	Brimfield.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1889.

Date.	Name of child.	Sex.	Names of Parents.
1889.			
Feb. 1,	Lynes,	F.,	Timothy and Susan A. Lynes.
Feb. 26,	Erford Healy Corbin,	M.,	Minor H. and Sarah B. Corbin.
March 22,	Lewis Warner Hanson,	M.,	Ernest F. and Mary L. Hanson.
March 28,	Millie Faith Wells,	F.,	Oscar D. and Pamela S. Wells.
April 2,	Charles William Sherman,	M.,	George W. and Alice E. Sherman.
May 14,	Mary Eva Beauregard,	F.,	Paul and Rosella Beauregard.
June 9,	Alex Pull,	M.,	Joseph and Mary Pull.
June 21,	Burchor,	F.,	Robert and Nettie E. Burchor.
June 22,	Alice Ida Sawin,	F.,	Robert V. and Nettie E. Sawin.
June 24,	Mary Ann Champaux,	F.,	Alfred and Josephine Champaux,
Sept. 4,	John Everett St. George,	M.,	John and Alice St. George.
Oct. 28,	Anna Louisa Haley,	F.,	John and Ellen Haley.
Dec. 5,	Robert James Streeter,	M.,	George H. and Martha E. Streeter.
Dec. 31,	Regina Harness,	F.,	Louis and Rosana Harness.

DEATHS RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1889.

Date.	Name.	Cause of Death.	Years.	Age.	
				Mos.	Days.
1889.					
Jan. 18,	Ellen M. Barlow,	Menengitis,	42	11	24
Jan. 19,	Waldo B. Allen,	Consumption,	23	00	7
Jan. 28,	Betsey F. Munroe,	Wasting disease,	73	11	2
Feb. 8,	Lynnes,	Unknown,	00	00	7
March 12,	Loren G. Reed,	Typhoid pneumonia,	45	11	8
April 6,	Lydia F. Lamb,	Old age,	84	11	27
April 9,	Justin K. Fay,	Paralysis,	84	2	4
April 10,	Theodore Farrell,	Apoplexy,	80	3	13
April 11,	Sarah B. Hubbard,	Tumor,	72	7	3
April 26,	Elvira Kibbie,	Hypatic cancer,	59	1	28
May 6,	Harriet H. Lumbard,	Paralysis,	80	9	21
May 13,	Charles G. Moulton,	Heart disease,	29	4	25
May 28,	Dauphin Brown,	Heart disease,	80	5	10
June 30,	William Fosket,	Heart failure,	80	9	28
July 26,	Austin Woodard,	Stricture of Esophagus,	74	5	29
Aug. 1,	Sarepta Janes,	Uremia,	76	00	13
Aug. 18,	Abraham Charles,	Old age,	82	6	13
Aug. 21,	Lucy Prouty,	Consumption,	90	11	21
Aug. 25,	Charlotte L. Fenton,	Dysentery,	9	8	10
Aug. 27,	Alta Francise Fenton,	Cholreform diarrhea,	2	10	12
Sept. 12,	Simeon F. Marsh,	Heart failure,	82	3	6
Sept. 14,	Ruth B. Homer,	Apoplexy,	87	00	13
Sept. 20,	Caroline Stetson,	Cholera morbus,	92	1	13
Sept. 26,	Joseph C. Hunter,	Hepatitis,	78	6	19
Oct. 29,	Olive H. Fosket,	Bright's Disease,	74	11	3
Oct.	Emily Woodard,	Exhaust'n of Chronic Mania	55		
Nov. 28,	Cynthia Webber,	Senil Gangrene,	81	5	24

Assessors' Report, 1889.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN OF BRIMFIELD, 1889.

Value of personal assessed,	\$ 71,440.00
Value of buildings without land,	169,520.00
Value of land without buildings,	213,900.00
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Total value, real and personal,	454,860.00
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Tax on estates at \$16.00 per \$1,000.00,	7,277.76
Tax on 311 polls,	622.00
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Total tax assessed in 1889,	7,899.76
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State tax, 1889,	500.00
County tax, 1889,	534.08
Town appropriations, 1889,	6,700.00
Overlayings,	165.68
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Total tax, 1889,	\$ 7,899.76
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Number of persons assessed on property,	311
Number of persons assessed on poll tax only,	106
Number of horses,	243
Number of cows,	786
Number of sheep,	259
Number of cattle other than cows,	520
Number of swine,	126
Number of dwellings,	240
Number of acres of land assessed,	21,150

SAMUEL W. BROWN, } Assessors
JOHN SHANLY, } of
GEO. W. SHERMAN, } Brimfield.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1890.

School Report.

What can we do for the best interests of our small schools in the outlying parts of our town? This is something we have found difficult to deal with.

It is believed by agents of the State Board of Education that committees err in having too many schools with small numbers. It is believed that a walk of $1\frac{1}{2}$ or 2 miles is not generally felt to be excessive or a hardship, for scholars attending a larger school of 25 or 30 pupils receive better instruction. There being a less number of schools more money is left in the hands of the committee, and better teachers may be engaged; also all scholars, because of the emulation in the large schools, get an impetus in their work which is not obtainable in schools of small numbers.

It is true that the work of both teachers and scholars in small schools and small classes is sluggish and tiresome. We have seen classes of only 2 or 3 pupils drone through a recitation with no animation and at the end showing great relief that the lesson is over. From such a recitation they have received no instruction or benefit. The teacher has little to encourage her and keep her on her mettle, and in a little while *her* interest is gone.

How to remedy this evil in the small towns of the state has been a problem which the State Board of Education and Committees have long tried to solve. Our town is by no means alone in this lamentable condition, all the small towns of the state cry out for help for their small outlying schools.

The farming towns are growing less and less in population while the number of school houses remain the same, in which some of our tax payers still wish schools to be maintained where once there were 25 or 30 pupils and now only 5 or 6.

We have had just this fact to face in the West Brimfield school the

past year. A few years ago there were 30 pupils in the school in regular attendance, now there are only 6 or 7 within the school age of 8 to 14. We have found it difficult to determine what was best for the school. The distance from any other school has made it impossible to provide proper conveyance for the scholars to some other school at a reasonable expense. Two terms of 10 weeks each have been taught there during the spring and fall, but no school during the winter, because of the added expense for maintaining a school during the winter months. But this makes too long vacations and it is hoped that better arrangements will be made in the future.

The state has been giving its attention to finding means of helping the small towns in their efforts to keep up the schools. To this end the Legislature, in 1888, passed a law giving the small towns the privilege of uniting for the purpose of obtaining the services of a superintendent such as all the schools in large towns and cities have. The state gives the sum of \$500 for this purpose and \$500 toward the support of the schools in a union district thus formed, requiring the district to appropriate the sum of \$750 toward the superintendent's salary, thus paying the superintendent a salary of \$1250. By this law we receive a two-fold benefit. We receive aid from the state toward paying our teachers and also get intelligent supervision of our schools. Of the state tax necessary for this, the small towns pay only 15 per cent and the large towns and cities 85 per cent, and in this way the large and wealthy places are made to help their smaller and poorer neighbors.

Our schools need intelligent supervision by men educated and trained for this work. And our town perhaps as much or more than most towns, from the fact that we have here a High School, which graduates every year young ladies who intend to make teaching their vocation, but make no preparation for the same further than they get in their four years' work in the High School. Now, although our High School does most excellent work in general education; it does not in any way give instruction in methods of teaching, nor fit its graduates for this special line of work, and these young ladies come to us expecting we will give them schools in which they intend to learn the art of teaching. But our pupils suffer from this. The first year of a young teacher is an experiment for her, for the scholars and for the committee, and it is just here in the first year of the teacher's life that the attention of a superintendent can be of great

help and benefit to us. A word of advice, of encouragement, of instruction, a help here and there to these teachers from a man who understands his business will give us better instruction in our schools, better teachers and more systematic methods in work than we can possibly get when the teacher is left to the occasional care of the committee whose life is full of his own business.

The success of the union districts for supervision is an assured fact. Last year eleven such districts in the state were formed and in every case good active men have been found with suitable education and qualifications who have been glad to take hold of the work for the salary of \$1250.

We quote below extracts from two letters from committees in towns where the experiment has been tried the past year. Mr. W. G. Avery, chairman of school committee of Conway, says :

“Our town entered into the new system only last fall, but our hopes for it have been fully realized thus far. Our committee are unanimous in recommending the continuation of the same. A physician of the town says the people are generally very much pleased and believe the schools have received much benefit already. On the whole we believe it is a great step in advance.”

Rev. T. F. Wright, chairman of school committee of Bridgewater, writes :

“The success of school superintendency here is like that of the railway above the stage coach. We have six men on our board all interested in schools, but too busy to do the work of detail. We meet once a month. The superintendent is a skilled teacher who has but \$700 from us and lives 40 miles away at Walpole and is here but two days a week, yet he buys our supplies at a great saving, instructs our teachers in the best developements of the art, introduces a common system, improves order, preserves property by constant inspection, holds teacher's meetings and gives advice, and in short makes every dollar that we spend go one-third farther than before. After one year with him we have been able to reduce our appropriation over \$800 and still go on improving the schools.”

A member of your committee met with Mr. Edson, agent of the State Board of Education and the School Committee of Monson and found the Monson Committee in favor of a union of Monson with other towns for the purpose of forming a union district for school supervision.

The union of Monson, Wilbraham and Brimfield was discussed and believed to be advantageous. The committee of Wilbraham assure us that their town will vote again this year in favor of the

new law. The committee of Monson believe their town will do the same.

Such a union will be of great advantage to us, as both Monson and Wilbraham are very progressive towns in educational matters, and the towns are so situated that it will be convenient for the Superintendent to readily visit the schools of the district.

For this purpose we respectfully ask the town to raise and appropriate such a sum as will enable us to carry into effect the provisions of the law.

For the convenience of the voters of the town we take the liberty of again this year quoting the law as passed by the Legislature of 1888 as follows :

1. Any two or more towns, the valuation of each of which does not exceed two million five hundred thousand dollars, and the aggregate number of schools in all of which is not more than fifty nor less than thirty, may, by vote of the several towns, unite for the purpose of the employment of a superintendent of schools under the provisions of this act.

2. When such a union has been effected, the school committees of the towns comprising the union shall form a joint committee, and for the purposes of this act said joint committee shall be held to be the agents of each town comprising the union. Said committee shall meet annually in joint convention in the month of April at a day and place agreed upon by the chairman of the committees of the several towns comprising the union, and shall organize by the choice of a chairman and secretary. They shall choose, by ballot, a superintendent of schools, determine the relative amount of service to be performed by him in each town, fix his salary, and apportion the amount thereof to be paid by the several towns, and certify such amount to the treasurer of each town.

STATE AID FOR SUPERINTENDENTS.

3. Whenever the chairman and secretary of such joint committee shall certify to the state auditor, under oath, that a union has been effected as herein provided, that the towns, in addition to an amount equal to the average of the total sum paid by the several towns for schools during the three years next preceding, unitedly have raised by taxation and appropriated a sum not less than seven hundred and

fifty dollars for the support of a superintendent of schools, and that under the provisions of this act a superintendent of schools has been employed for one year, a warrant shall be drawn upon the treasurer of the Commonwealth for the payment of one thousand dollars, one-half of which amount shall be paid for the salary of such superintendent and the remaining one-half shall be apportioned and distributed on the basis of the average public school attendance of the towns forming such district for the year next preceding, which amount shall be paid for the salaries of teachers employed in the public schools within such district.

4. A sum not exceeding twelve thousand five hundred dollars shall be annually appropriated for the purposes of this act.

5. The provisions of section forty-three of chapter forty-four of the Public Statutes respecting the service of the school committees without pay in towns where a superintendent is appointed, shall not apply to towns uniting in the employment of a superintendent under the provisions of this act.

The schools for the year 1890-1891, will commence as follows: Spring term, April 14; Fall term, August 25; Winter term, December 1.

LOUIS S. BROWN, *For the Committee.*

ROBERT V. SAWIN,	}	<i>School Committee.</i>
LOUIS S. BROWN,		
GEORGE H. STREETER,		



REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
AND
VALUATION AND TAXES
OF THE
TOWN OF BRIMFIELD.

. . . For the year ending March 2, 1891. . .

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Town Officers for 1890-91.

CLERK AND TREASURER,
HENRY F. BROWN.

SELECTMEN,
OSCAR F. BROWN, JOSIAH STEBBINS, ORRIN HICKS.

ASSESORS,
SAMUEL W. BROWN, JOHN SHANLY, GEORGE W. SHERMAN.

COLLECTOR,
CHENEY NEWTON.

AUDITORS,
GEORGE M. HITCHCOCK, ORUS E. PARKER.

CONSTABLES
FRANCIS E. COOK, ORRIN HICKS

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
ROBERT V. SAWIN, LOUIS S. BROWN, GEORGE H. STREETER.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS,
HENRY BLODGETT, BYRON W. CHARLES, JOHN L. CHAFFEE, JR.

OVERSEERS OF POOR,
FRANCIS E. COOK, CHENEY NEWTON, PETER W. MOORE.

FENCE VIEWERS,
SAMUEL W. BROWN, MOSES H. BAKER, ALVA THAYER.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE,
GEORGE M. HITCHCOCK, EDWARD W. POTTER, EMORY LIVERMORE.

LIBRARY DIRECTORS,
CHARLES A. HOMER, LOUIS S. BROWN, REV. W. K. PEIRCE.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER,
JOHN M. SMITH, THOMAS J. MORGAN, D. WINSLOW FOSKET,
HORATIO L. CONVERSE, NORMAN S. POWERS.

FIELD DRIVERS,
CLIFTON L. GOULD, GEORGE L. WILLIAMS, FRANK G. HITCHCOCK

SEXTON,
GEORGE M. HITCHCOCK.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

APRIL 6, 1891.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

HAMPDEN SS.

To either of the Constables of Brimfield, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Brimfield, Monday, the sixth day of April next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles:

ART. 1.—To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2.—To choose all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year; also all committees and agents the business of the Town may require. All officers required by law to be chosen by ballot (except moderator and Town Clerk) must be on one ballot. The polls will be open at half-past ten o'clock a. m. and may be closed at half-past two p. m.

ART. 3.—To hear reports of officers and agents heretofore chosen by the Town, and act thereon.

ART. 4.—To raise money for the support of schools, highways, bridges, payment of Town debts, and to defray expenses for the ensuing year and direct how the same shall be expended.

ART. 5.—To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 6.—To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the current year; also to borrow money to renew, replace, or pay any existing loan or loans or any part thereof.

ART. 7.—To see if the Town will allow a discount on taxes if paid within certain periods, or act thereon.

ART. 8.—To see what disposition the Town will make of their dog fund, or act thereon.

ART. 9.—To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use the means for collecting taxes which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

ART. 10.—To see if the Town will cause to be printed the reports of their officers and agents or any part of the same.

ART. 11.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any money for State aid.

ART. 12.—To bring in their votes, "Yes" or "No" upon the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?"

ART. 13.—To see if the Town will revoke the vote of April 1, 1889, accepting the provisions of sections 74, 75, 76 and 77 of chapter 27 of the Public Statutes in relation to Road Commissioners.

ART. 14.—To see if the Town will discontinue the townway leading from the place formerly owned by Chester Scarborough to the road leading from East Brimfield to South Warren.

ART. 15.—To see if the Town will take any action in regard to repairing the highway leading from near the house of Henry Blodgett to near the house of John E. Farrell.

ART. 16.—To see what sum of money (if any) the Town will appropriate for Decoration Day.

ART. 17.—To see if the Town will discontinue the townway leading southerly from near the house of Josiah Stebbins to the road leading from Palmer to Brimfield near the house of Geo. F. Holdridge, or any part of the same.

ART. 18.—To see what action the Town will take in relation to rebuilding the bridge across the Quabaug River at West Brimfield, known as the Rogers Bridge, or take such other action in the premises as is deemed expedient.

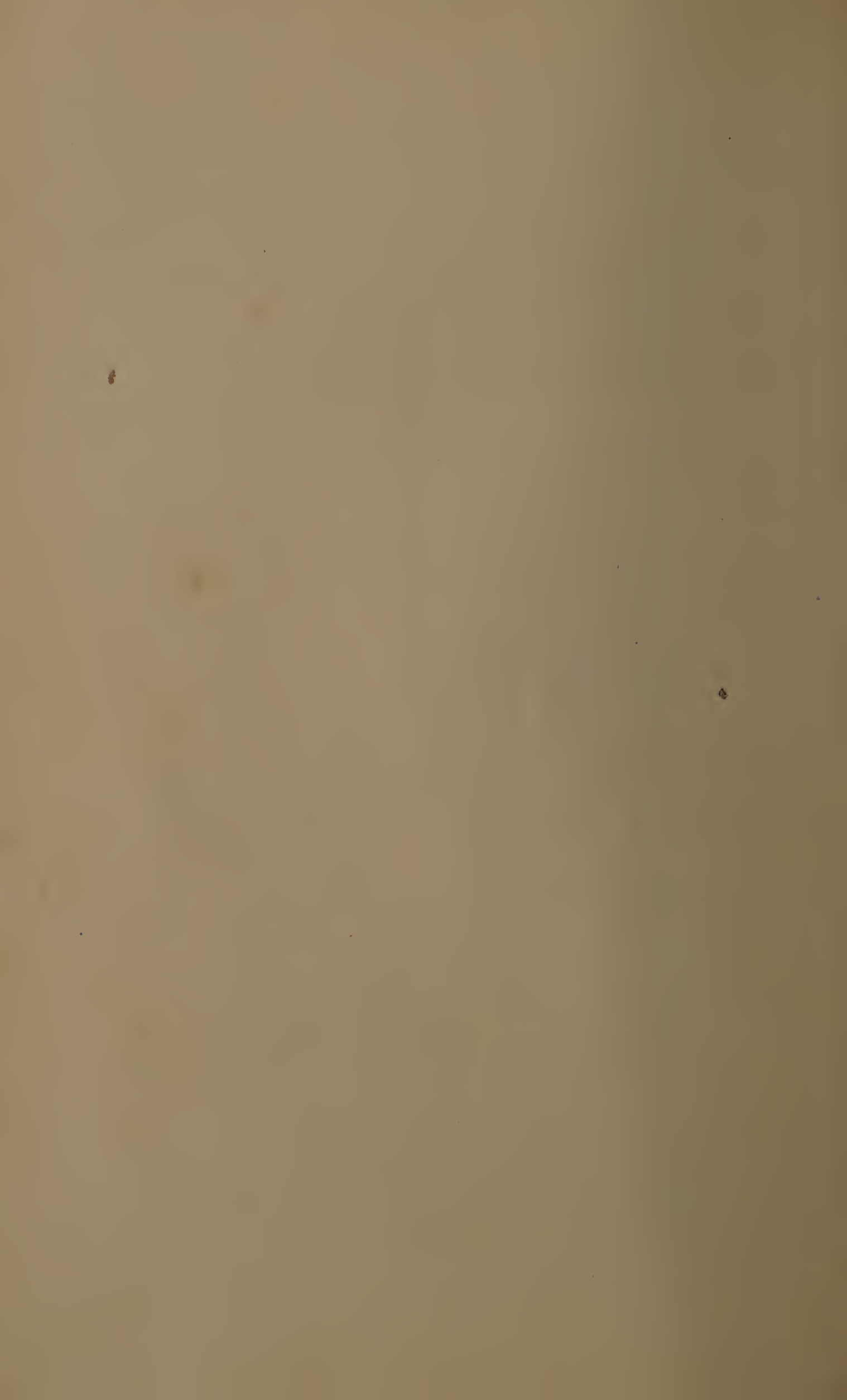
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, one at the Center Post Office, and by mailing a copy to the Post Offices at East and West Brimfield, and by mailing or otherwise sending a copy

to Foskit's mills, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said Brimfield, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one.

OSCAR F. BROWN,	}	<i>Selectmen of Brimfield.</i>
JOSIAH STEBBINS,		
ORRIN HICKS,		



Town Treasurer's Report.

Of the receipts and expenditures of the Town of Brimfield for the year ending March 2, 1891.

TOWN DEBT AND BILLS FOR 1889-90. APPROPRIATION.

Cash in Treasurer's hands, balance March 3, 1890	.	.	.	.	\$2,674.57
Balance of tax of 1889 uncollected	.				1,200.69
					<u> </u>
					\$3,875.26

PAYMENTS.

The figures at the left of names indicate the number of bill and order granted thereon.

HIGHWAYS.

Order No.					
16	Milo S. Booth	.	.	.	\$ 4.80

PAUPERS.

7	Northampton Hospital, for Mrs. Calkins	.	.	.	28.17
94	Julius M. Lyons, plans for Alms-house	.	.	.	1.50
					<u> </u>
					\$ 34.47
Transfers for Highway repairs for 1890 and 1891					
		.	.	.	\$.83
Transfers for Bridges for 1890-91					
		.			55.07
" " Schoolhouse repairs for 1890 and 1891					
		.	.	.	43.23

Transfers for Officers' salaries for 1890-91	79.60	
" " Support of Poor for 1890-91	73.11	
" " Miscellaneous purposes for 1890-91	838.95	
Transfers for State aid	160.00	
" " Stebbins Road	1,100.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,350.79
Total payments and transfers		\$2,385.26
Balance unexpended		1,490 00
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		\$3,875.26

EXPENDITURES FOR 1890-1.

FOR HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation	\$1,400.00	
Transfer from balance of 1890-1	83	
	<hr/>	\$1,400.83

PAYMENTS.

Order No.

1	Byron W. Charles	\$ 5.00	
20	" " "	95.10	
23	" " "	62.22	
44	" " "	154.57	
73	" " " R'p'rs Scraper,	9.65	
"	" " "	12.85	
85	" " "	11.00	
192	" " "	3.50	
		<hr/>	\$ 353.34
3	John L. Chaffee, Jr.	\$ 71.10	
3	" " Ser. as R'd Com.	4.40	
10	" "	168.76	
32	" "	95.60	
43	" "	17.95	
46	" "	4.11	
71	" "	7.50	
84	" "	6.00	
119	" "	13.80	
188	" "	2.35	
		<hr/>	\$ 445.57

Order No.

30	Henry Blodgett . . .	\$ 293.25	
47	“ “ . . .	59.25	
63	“ “ . . .	57.00	
83	“ “ . . .	98.50	
123	“ “ . . .	8.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 516.00
16	Milo S. Booth . . .	6.60	
56	Louis S. Brown . . .	50	
66	Charles Jennings, sewer pipes .	40.58	
141	E. C. Marsh . . .	2.62	\$ 50.30
		<hr/>	\$1,365.21

FOR RAILING.

10	John L. Chaffee, Jr. . .	\$29.25	
32	“ “ . . .	6.37	\$ 35.62
		<hr/>	\$1,400.83

FOR SUPPORT OF BRIDGES.

Appropriation	\$150.00	
Transfer from balance of 1889—90 .	55.07	
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		\$ 205.07

PAYMENTS.

Order No.

9	Wm. H. Shaw, for plank . . .	\$ 85.76	
47	Henry Blodgett, B. B. Fenton bridge	43.48	
73	Byron W. Charles . . .	1.50	
83	Henry Blodgett, bridge near Eli- jah Foskit's	42.59	
84	John L. Chaffee, Jr. . . .	11.40	
93	“ “ Guthrie bridge . . .	2.50	
123	Henry Blodgett, near School No. 10	16.56	
187	H. L. Converse, for spikes .	53	
204	Thos. J. Morgan	75	
		<hr/>	\$ 205.07

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

APPROPRIATIONS.

For wages and board of teachers, fuel and care of schoolhouses	\$1,350.00
For conveyance of pupils, text books, etc.	150.00
For services of school committee	100.00
Income of school fund	308.63
For salary of superintendent	225.00
	<hr/> \$2,133.63

Paid for wages and board of teachers, for fuel and care of schoolhouses for the year ending March 1, 1891:

Names of Teachers	No. of School.	Wages for Summer Term	Wages for Fall Term.	Wages for Winter Term.	Fuel and Care of Houses.	Total
M. A. Drake,	1	\$60.00	\$	\$	\$	\$
A. S. Heywood,	1	64.90				
Mary P. Foster,	1		80.00	80.00		
Joanna B. Cantwell,	1		70.00	70.00	29.75	\$454.65
Mary P. Foster.	2	80.00				
Mira A. Hobbs,	2		70 00	70.00	39 20	259.20
Malora A. Booth,	3	70.00				
Minnie I. Kernan,	3		60.00	60.00	24.00	214.00
Minnie J. Corbin,	5	55 00				
Anna Ferry,	5		60.00			
Katie Shoughrue,	5			60 00	20.25	195.25
Ida R. Agard,	6	70.00				
Louise Bowler,	6		60.00	21.20		
Fannie Traverse,	6			33.00	23.75	207.95
Lucy M. Booth,	7	55.00	55.00	60.00	9 00	179.00
Emma F. Holdridge,	10	70.00				
Katie Shoughrue,	10		60.50		5.00	135.60
		<hr/> 524 90	<hr/> 515.50	<hr/> 454.20	<hr/> 150.95	<hr/> \$1645.55

FOR CONVEYANCE OF PUPILS.

Order No.

105	George G. Williams	.	.	\$10.00	
123	Clifford A. Sweet	.	.	7.50	
145	George Adams	.	.	10.00	
193	Orrin Hicks	.	.	5.00	
				<hr/>	\$32.50

FOR TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

18	Louis S. Brown, for expenses	.	\$ 6.16	
39	George H. Streeter, for postage		5	
40	Boston School Supply Co.	.	44.96	
67	A. J. Daniels, Mdse.	.	44	
81	Louis S. Brown, Mdse.	.	4.30	
107	George H. Streeter, postage	.	35	
117	Louis S. Brown, supplies	.	2.62	
185	George H. Streeter, expenses	.	10	
187	H. L. Converse, Mdse.	.	3.10	
202	Louis S. Brown	"	7.98	
215	Boston School Supply Co.	.	46.24	
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				\$ 116.30

SALARIES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

37	George H. Streeter	.	\$8.00	
56	Louis S. Brown	.	6.50	
69	R. B. Sawin	.	7.00	
107	George H. Streeter	.	4.00	
185	"	"	2.00	
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				\$ 27.50

SALARY OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

97	C. W. Wasson	.	\$ 75.00	
109	"	"	18.75	
146	"	"	18.75	
167	"	"	18.75	
210	"	"	37.50	\$ 168.75

				<hr/>	\$1,990.60
Balance unexpended	.	.	.		143.03
				<hr/>	\$2,133.63

FOR REPAIRS OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

Appropriation	.	.	.	\$100.00	
Transfer from balance of 1889-90	.	.	.	43.32	
				<hr/>	\$143.32

PAYMENTS.

18	Louis S. Brown, cleaning No. 10	\$ 1.25	
31	" " " shingling No. 1	15.75	
56	" " " c't'g, nails, No. 1	5.00	
65	" " " N. R. Moore,		
	shingles, No. 1	42.00	
111	F. H. Dean, blackb'd for No. 1	16.40	
"	" " " " " 2	14.60	
"	" " " " " 5	10.80	
121	F. Edgar Brown, lumber for No 1	11.53	
132	John P. Griggs, labor	1.50	
133	C. A. Sweet, mason work, No. 5	22.17	
137	A. J. Daniels, repairs, No. 2	1.47	
184	Fred C. Gardner, repairs, No. 3	60	
199	George L. Kenney, repairs, No. 6	25	
		<hr/>	\$143.32

OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Appropriation	.	.	.	\$500.00	
Transfer from balance 1889-90	.	.	.	79.60	
				<hr/>	\$579.60

PAYMENTS.

SELECTMEN.

Order No.					
19	Oscar F. Brown	.	.	.	\$ 3.00
21	Josiah Stebbins	.	.	.	1.00
70	Orrin Hicks	.	.	.	11.00
191	Oscar F. Brown	.	.	.	20.00
193	Orrin Hicks	.	.	.	13.00
203	Josiah Stebbins	.	.	.	24.00
				<hr/>	\$72.00

ASSESSORS.

Order No.

89	Samuel W. Brown	.	.	\$38.00	
90	George W. Sherman	.	.	33.00	
91	John Shanly	.	.	34.00	
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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

19	Oscar F. Brown	.	.	.	\$ 2.00	
21	Josiah Stebbins	.	.	.	2.00	
70	Orrin Hicks	.	.	.	2.00	
191	Oscar F. Brown	.	.	.	2.00	
193	Orrin Hicks	.	.	.	3.00	
203	Josiah Stebbins	.	.	.	2.00	
207	Henry F. Brown	.	.	.	4.00	
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JANITOR TOWN HOUSE.

E. W. Carden	.	.	.	\$100.00	
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COLLECTORS.

29	Charles S. Tarbell, tax 1889	.	\$40.00	
212	Cheney Newton, tax 1890	.	40.00	
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TOWN CLERK.

207	Henry F. Brown, salary	.	\$20.00	
	“ “ marriages, births			
	and deaths	.	19.10	
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TOWN TREASURER.

207	Henry F. Brown	.	.	\$30.00	
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SEXTON.

Order No.

14	George M. Hitchcock	.	.	\$ 18.00	
24	"	"	.	6.00	
64	"	"	.	17.00	
142	"	"	.	15.00	
197	"	"	ret. of deaths	5.00	
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					\$61.00

CONSTABLE.

148	F. E. Cook	.	.	\$20.50	
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					\$20.50

LIBRARIAN.

28	E. W. Carder	.	.	\$12.50	
60	"	"	.	12.50	
122	"	"	.	12.50	
200	"	"	.	12.50	
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					\$50.00

ELECTION OFFICERS.

120	John Shanly	.	.	\$2.00	
121	F. Edgar Brown	.	.	2.00	
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					\$4.00

TRUANT OFFICER.

194	F. E. Cook	.	.	\$1.00	1.00
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					\$579.60

FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.

Appropriation	.	.	.	\$1,300.00	
Transfer from balance of 1889-90	.	.	.	73.11	
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					\$1,373.11

PAYMENTS FOR ALMSHOUSE.

Order No.

2	Louis S. Brown, Mdse.	.	.	\$ 9.16	
4	Est. Warren Agard, ox wagon, etc.			41.50	
5	H. L. Converse, Mdse.	.	.	14.92	
6	J. A. McKinstry, salary to April 1			31.25	
18	Louis S. Brown, Mdse.	.	.	5.07	

Order No.

26	John A. McKinstry, cash adv'c'd	\$ 34.00
27	Ladd Bros. & Co., insurance .	17.00
49	Louis S. Brown, Mdse. . .	16.85
52	John A. McKinstry, salary .	100.00
54	H. L. Converse, Mdse. . .	39.71
59	J. A. McKinstry, cash advanced	47.98
62	H. L. Converse, Mdse. . .	7.49
65	Louis S. Brown, Mdse. . .	15.06
68	H. L. Converse, Mdse. . .	19.56
69	R. B. Sawin, M. D., medical ser.	8.75
79	J. A. McKinstry, salary . .	100.00
81	Louis S. Brown, Mdse. . .	15.29
95	H. L. Converse ,, . .	23.20
112	Amory Davison, four cows .	80.00
117	Louis S. Brown, Mdse. . .	20.19
130	R. B. Sawin, M.D., medical ser. .	9.95
138	J. A. McKinstry, salary . .	100.00
139	H. L. Converse, Mdse. . .	8.63
140	Louis S. Brown, Mdse. . .	6.21
143	R. B. Sawin, M.D., medical ser. .	7.25
170	H. L. Converse, Mdse. . .	5.11
186	H. G. Loomis, coffin . .	14.00
187	H. L. Converse, Mdse. . .	13.42
189	Chas. L. Moulton, horse and harness	175.00
190	Cheney Newton, for team .	1.50
195	J. A. McKinstry, salary to Mar. 1	66.67
202	Louis S. Brown, Mdse. . .	2.40
206	Town of Wales for tax . .	2.45
		<hr/> \$1,059.57

SERVICES OF OVERSEERS FOR ALMSHOUSE.

190	Cheney Newton . . .	\$15.00
194	F. E. Cook . . .	15.00
198	Peter W. Moore . . .	12.00
		<hr/> \$42.00

PAYMENTS FOR OUTSIDE POOR.

5	H. L. Converse, Mdse. for Miss Carroll . . .	\$6.00
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Order No.

7	Northampton Hospital, for Mrs. Calkins	\$ 13.62	
8	City of Brockton, for Dearth family	15.00	
25	G. F. Chamberlain, M. D., for Samuel R. Bond	10.00	
53	Northampton Hospital, for Mrs. Calkins	32.96	
54	H. L. Converse, Mdse. for Carroll	3.00	
55	F. E. Cook, " "	3.50	
68	H. L. Converse, " "	5.40	
80	Estate of G. B. Brown for H. B. Kibbe	47.80	
113	H. L. Converse, Mdse. for H. B. Kibbe	16.00	
113	H. L. Converse, Mdse. for Miss Carroll	12.00	
127	H. L. Converse, Mdse. for Miss Carroll	6.00	
139	H. L. Converse, Mdse. for H. B. Kibbe	15.97	
167	City of Springfield for J. W. Goss	1.26	
170	H. L. Converse, Mdse. for Miss Carroll	3.00	
170	H. L. Converse, Mdse. for H. B. Kibbe	8.00	
173	Northampton Hospital, for Mrs. A. Hill	32.96	
201	E. W. Hitchcock, supplies for Miss Carroll	12.25	
213	John E. Farrell for aid to Wm. E. Hitchcock	12.42	
		<hr/>	\$257.14

SERVICES OF OVERSEERS FOR OUTSIDE POOR.

190	Cheney Newton	\$ 4.00	
194	F. E. Cook	10.40	14.40
		<hr/>	\$1,373.11

FOR MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES.

Appropriation	\$70 0.00
For Town debt and interest . .	160.00
For Memorial day	50.00
For discount on taxes	300.00
Transfers from balance of 1889-90 .	838.95
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	\$2,048.95

PAYMENTS FOR TOWN HOUSE.

Order No.

60	E. W. Carder for repairs .	50
71	F. Edgar Brown for shavings .	1.00
87	Charles O. Brown for painting .	19.42
117	Louis S. Brown, Mdse. .	5.82
122	E. W. Carder, sawing wood .	6.00
125	Frank R. Newton for wood .	18.00
147	E. A. Rice, lining stoves .	1.75
164	E. W. Carder for fitting wood .	1.75
172	E. S. Brooks, cleaning clocks .	4.00
187	H. L. Converse, Mdse. .	4.18
203	Josiah Stebbins for wood .	13.50
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		\$75.92

FOR TAX ABATEMENTS.

Order No.

208	Charles S. Tarbell, tax 1889 .	68.48
209	Cheney Newton, tax 1890 .	48.05
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		\$116.53

FOR DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

Order No.

163	Cheney Newton, Collector . .	\$318.52
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EXPENSES OF LAW SUITS.

FOR M. P. HANLEY CASE.

Order No.

17	F. E. Cook, summoning witnesses, etc. . . .	\$ 5.40
18	Oscar F. Brown, paid witnesses and expenses	58.99

Order No.

21	Josiah Stebbins, time and exp'n's	\$ 9.00	
78	M. P. Hanly, judgment and cost	177.53	
88	Robinson & Robinson, services and cash paid	220.03	
		<hr/>	\$470.95

FOR FRANK C. ALLEN CASE.

88	Robinson & Robinson, legal ser's	75.00	
134	C. L. Gardner, attorney, for settle- ment	25.00	
		<hr/>	\$100.00

FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES.

Order No.

1	Byron W. Charles, new road and gravel pit	\$ 5.00	
15	C. B. Fiske & Co., printing re- ports	40.85	
22	Louis S. Brown, papers for select- men	2.00	
24	George M. Hitchcock, Memorial day	44.36	
42	Oscar F. Brown, cleaning walks on park	6.20	
45	Frank E. Webster, cutting grass on Monument lot	2.50	
50	Edward Bliss, mowing park	3.00	
25	F. E. Cook, mowing cemetery	15.00	
"	" " setting trees in ceme- tery	3.00	
64	Geo. M. Hitchcock, work in ceme- tery	6.10	
69	R. B. Sawin, M. D., return of birth	2.25	
70	Orrin Hicks, use of team	50	
72	George L. Williams, for damage on highway	5.00	
74	C. B. Fiske & Co., printing	3.75	
76	F. E. Cook, mowing cemetery	10.00	
77	George F. Holdridge, gravel pit	40.00	

Order No.

88	Robinson & Robinson, legal services	\$ 81.77
89	S. W. Brown for express, postage etc.	1.00
92	E. W. Carder, cleaning weights and measures	1.00
116	Oscar F. Brown, paid for watching hotel fire	13.00
129	James S. Blair	6.00
131	S. H. Brown	3.90
135	W. H. Hitchcock, expense for steamer and men	27.00
136	Herald Printing Co. for tax bills	2.92
143	R. B. Sawin, M. D., return of births	1.25
143	R. B. Sawin, M. D., services at O. B. Wells	3.00
166	G. F. Chamberlain, M. D., return of births	1.25
187	H. L. Converse, pails and pump at fire	4.60
191	Oscar F. Brown, expenses paid	4.00
192	Byron W. Charles, paid for watching fire	2.00
193	Orrin Hicks, postage	10
196	C. W. Bryan & Co., voting lists and notices	10.00
200	E. W. Carder, weights and measures	75
203	Josiah Stebbins for expenses	50
205	F. H. Osgood, examining F. W. Fenton's horse	9.72
207	Henry F. Brown, paid express, postage, etc.	8.62
211	Ladd Bros. & Co., insurance on Library	30.00
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		\$ 401.89

FOR TOWN DEBT AND INTEREST.

Order No.

41	Palmer Savings Bank, interest	.	\$ 78.75	
128	" " " "	.	78.75	
214	Cheney Newton, note and int.	.	407.74	\$ 565.24
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				\$2,048.95

FOR STATE AID.

Appropriation	\$ 50.00	
Aid repaid by the state	155.00	
Transfers from balance of 1889-90	160.00	
					<hr/>	\$365.00

PAYMENTS.

Order No.

207	Elmer W. Carder and wife	.		60.00	
207	Harlowe B. Kibbe	.	.	15.00	
207	Margaret H. Marsh	.	.	48.00	
207	Alonzo Allen	.	.	66.00	
207	Alma E. Sibley	.	.	48.00	
207	Horace Merritt	.	.	88.00	
207	Austin N. Moulton and wife	.	.	40.00	
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					\$365.00

FOR STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Order No.

83	M. Wells Bridge, county tax	.	550.92	
165	State Treasurer, state tax	.	437.50	
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				\$988.42

FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY.

APPROPRIATION.

Unexpended balance, March 2, 1890	.	\$ 28.24	
Dog fund for 1889	.	100.76	
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			\$129.00

PAYMENTS.

Order No.

51	J. B. Lippincott & Co., magazine	2.25	
81	Louis S. Brown, sundries	35	
168	O. P. Allen, magazines	8.25	
202	Louis S. Brown, fasteners	50	
	Balance unexpended	117.65	
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			\$129.00

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1890-1.

	Appropriations.	Payments.
For highway repairs	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.83
Bridges	150.00	205.07
Snow paths	150.00	
Schools	\$1,350.00	
Income School Fund	308.63	1,658.63
For Conveyance, text books, etc.	150.00	148.80
Service of School Committee	100.00	27.50
Superintendent of Schools	225.00	168.75
Schoolhouse repairs	100.00	143.32
Support of poor	1,300.00	1,373.11
Officers salaries	500.00	579.60
Town debt and interest	160.00	565.24
State Aid by tax	\$ 50.00	
Repaid by State	155.00	205.00
Discount on taxes	300.00	318.52
Memorial Day	50.00	44.36
Miscellaneous expenses	700.00	1,120.93
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	\$7,148.63	\$8,006.58
Payments over appropriation	\$857.95	

FOR TOWNWAY, ON PETITION OF JOSIAH STEBBINS AND OTHERS.

Appropriation \$1,100.00

PAYMENTS.

20	Byron W. Charles	\$ 2.00
70	Orrin Hicks	2.00
71	John L. Chaffee, Jr.	6.00
82	Oscar F. Brown for services	5.00
82	“ “ money for team	2.00
88	Robinson & Robinson, services	50.00
149	Josiah Stebbins	127.85
150	Henry Blodgett	179.75
151	Milo S. Booth	83.45
152	Lyman E. Needham	53.25

Order No.

153	Edgar P. Needham	.	.	\$ 37.50	
154	Harry A. Lombard	.	.	17.50	
155	Orrin Hicks	.	.	49.60	
156	Herbert J. Bradway	.	.	7.80	
157	John L. Chaffee, Jr.	.	.	54.85	
158	Byron W. Charles	.	.	187.85	
159	F. E. Gleason	,	.	12.00	
160	E. A. Buck & Co.	.	.	6.08	
161	W. H. Hitchcock	.	.	22.36	
162	D. W. Fosket	.	.	33.69	
187	H. L. Converse	.	.	75	
188	John L. Chaffee, Jr.	.	.	3.20	
192	Byron W. Charles, moving road machine	.	.	1.00	
194	F. E. Cook, committee	.	.	3.00	
203	Josiah Stebbins, committee	.	.	2.00	
207	Henry F. Brown, committee and witness	.	.	6.00	\$956.48
	Balance unexpended	.	.	.	\$143.52
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					\$1,100.00

ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR, TO MARCH, 1892.

For Highways	.	.	.	\$1,400.00	
Bridges	.	.	.	150.00	
Snow paths	.	.	.	150.00	
Schools	.	.	.	1,350.00	
Conveyance of text books, etc.	.	.	.	150.00	
Services, School Committee	.	.	.	50.00	
Salary School Superintendent	.	.	.	225.00	
Schoolhouse repairs	.	.	.	100.00	
Support of poor	.	.	.	1,200.00	
Officers' salaries	.	.	.	500.00	
Town debt and interest	.	.	.	160.00	
State and Military Aid	.	.	.	50.00	
Discount on taxes	.	.	.	300.00	
Miscellaneous expenses	.	.	.	700.00	
Stebbins road	.	.	.	250.00	
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					\$3,735.00

Collector's Report.

CHARLES S. TARBELL, Collector, for 1889.

1890.	Dr.	
March 3.	To balance of tax for 1889, uncollected	\$1,200.69

	Cr.	
April 7.	By paid Town Treasurer	\$143.68
May 5.	Paid Town Treasurer	263.60
June 2.	Paid Town Treasurer	94.40
Aug. 4.	Paid Town Treasurer	137.24
Dec. 11.	Paid Town Treasurer	140.56
1891.		
March 2.	Paid Town Treasurer	289.62
" "	Balance uncollected	131.59
		<hr/> \$1,200.69

CHENEY NEWTON, Collector for 1890.

	Dr.	
To town tax for 1890	.	\$7,844.10

	Cr.	
Aug. 2.	By paid Town Treasurer	\$175.00
" 4.	Paid Town Treasurer	165.00
" 8.	Paid Town Treasurer	225.00
" 11.	Paid Town Treasurer	150.00
" 14.	Paid Town Treasurer	150.00
" 16.	Paid Town Treasurer	50.00

Aug. 20.	Paid Town Treasurer	.	\$ 115.00
“ 23.	Paid Town Treasurer	.	180.00
“ 27.	Paid Town Treasurer	.	595.00
“ 30.	Paid Town Treasurer	.	555.00
Sept. 1.	Paid Town Treasurer	.	792.36
“ 30.	Paid Town Treasurer	.	145.00
Oct. 8.	Paid Town Treasurer	.	65.00
“ 15.	Paid Town Treasurer	.	115.00
Nov. 5.	Paid Town Treasurer	.	110.00
“ 27.	Paid Town Treasurer	.	210.00
Dec. 12.	Paid Town Treasurer	.	150.00
“ 29.	Paid Town Treasurer	.	500.00
“ 30.	Paid Town Treasurer	.	450.00
“ 31.	Paid Town Treasurer	.	500.00
1891.			
Jan. 1.	Paid Town Treasurer	.	550.00
“ 2.	Paid Town Treasurer	.	20.49
“ 24.	Paid Town Treasurer	.	225.00
Feb. 2.	Paid Town Treasurer	.	100.00
“ 28.	Paid Town Treasurer	.	100.00
Mar. 2.	Paid Town Treasurer	.	566.57
	Balance uncollected	.	884.68
			————— \$7,844.10

CHENEY NEWTON, Collector.

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE.

1891.			
March 2	One horse	.	\$160.00
	One horse	.	25.00
	Two oxen	.	60.00
	Nine cows	.	208.00
	Eight farrow cows	.	100.00
	One bull	.	12.50
	Six shoats	.	30.00
	Forty-two farm fowls	.	21.00
			————— \$616.50

Twelve tons English hay	\$180.00	
Ten tons meadow hay	50.00	
One and one-fourth tons rye straw	15.50	
Meal and feed	3.00	
Forty bushels corn on the ear	10.00	
Eight bushels rye	5.60	
Lot seed corn	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$266.10 .
Farming tools, wood, etc.	\$291.05	
Provisions	108.20	
Household furniture.	297.85	
	<hr/>	\$697.10
Inventory March 1, 1890	\$1,440.25	
Gain on inventory	139.45	
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FARM PRODUCTS IN 1890.

English hay	15 tons
Meadow hay	12 tons
Rowen	3 tons
Corn fodder	3 tons
Corn stover	6 tons
Oats for fodder	1 ton
Potatoes	110 Bush.
Beets	6 "
Turnips	12 "
Onions . ,	3 "
Parsnips	4 "
Tomatoes	3 "
Pop corn	4 "
Sweet corn	10 "
String beans	4 "
Corn	75 "
Rye	20 "
Cabbages	100 heads

Chickens	.	.	.	.	.	.	50
Beef	.	.	.	.	.	.	1679 lbs.
Pork	.	.	.	.	.	.	1676 lbs.
Butter	.	.	.	.	.	.	80 lbs.
Eggs	.	.	.	.	.	.	251 doz.
Cream sold to Feb. 1	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$230.88
Rye Straw	.	.	.	.	.	.	1 ton
Veal	.	.	.	.	.	.	834 lbs.

PAYMENTS FOR LABOR.

1890.

March 21.	Paid Daniel Leno for chop-		
	ping	\$15.07	
March 31.	Sullivan for labor	5.50	
" "	James Conoly, labor	1.75	
April 28.	P. White for butchering	1.00	
June 21.	Clapper, 5 1-2 days labor	13.75	
" "	H. Wright, 5 days labor	3.50	
July 31.	F. W., 19 days labor	36.00	
Sept. 30.	Mrs. Reynolds, labor	30.00	
Dec. 9.	P. White for butchering	75	
" 20.	Daniel Leno for chopping	19.01	
Jan. 8.	For cutting ice	3.00	
	Ice and drawing same	12.00	
		-----	\$141.33
	J. A. McKinstry, warden		400.00

			\$541.33
	Due Mrs. Ellen Pratt		20.00

			\$561.33

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR IN ACCOUNT WITH
THE TOWN OF BRIMFIELD.

DR.

1890.

March 1.	To farm as appraised.	.	\$4,000.00	
"	Neat stock	.	481.00	
"	Hay and grain	.	251.50	
"	Farming tools and wood		305.02	
"	Provisions	.	94.78	
"	Household furniture	.	307.95	
"	Int. on above at 4 per cent		217.61	
"	Orders paid for Almshouse		1,059.57	
"	Orders paid for outside poor	.	257.14	
"	Salaries of Overseers of Poor at Almshouse	.	42.00	
"	Salaries of Overseers of Poor outside Alms- house	.	14.40	
"	Due city of Brockton for Dearth family	.	12.00	
"	Due Mrs. Ellen Pratt	.	20.00	
			————	\$7,062.97

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1890.

March 2.	By Farm as appraised	.	\$4,000.00	
"	Stock	.	616.50	
"	Hay and grain	.	266.10	
"	Farming tools and wood	.	291.05	
"	Provisions	.	108.20	
"	Household furniture	.	297.85	
"	Rec'd. from North Brook- field for support of Harlow B. Kibbe	.	87.77	
"	Due from Worcester Co. Creamery (estimated)		20.00	

March 2.	Due from F. W. Fenton	\$ 8.00	
"	Cash on hand	57	
	Balance amount cost to support the poor	1,366.93	
		<hr/>	\$7,062.97
	From amount it has cost to support the		
	poor	\$1,366.93	
	Deduct the expense for those outside the		
	Almshouse	271.54	
	And the cost of those at the Almshouse is	<hr/>	\$1,095.39

Average No. inmates at Almshouse, 8 1-2

Number of weeks board of inmates, 442.

Board of 322 tramps, estimated at 3-4 day each 34 1-2

Total number of weeks board furnished at Almshouse, 476 1-2

Cost of each week's board at Almshouse, \$2.29.8

GEORGE M. HITCHCOCK,
CHARLES S. TARBELL,
HENRY F. BROWN,

COMMITTEE.

Treasurer's Report.

HENRY F. BROWN, in account with the Town
of Brimfield:

DR.

1890.

Mar.	3.	To balance of settlement	. \$2,674.57
April	1.	Cash of Second Congrega- tional Society.	. 125.00
May	1.	Cash of North Brookfield, for aid to H. B. Kibbe	. 31.92
Oct.	8.	Cash borrowed of Cheney Newton	. 400.00
Nov.	28.	Cash of E. W. Carder for stove	. 2.00
Dec.	8.	Corporation tax from State Treasurer	. 386.72
"	8.	National Bank tax from State Treasurer	. 155.32
"	8.	State Aid, under Chap. 279 Acts 1889	. 24.00
"	8	State Aid, under Chap. 301 Acts 1889	. 131.00
1891			
Jan.	28.	Proportion of School fund	. 308.63
"	29.	Dog fund from County Treasurer	. 98.85
Feb.	13.	Cash of No. Brookfield for aid to H. B. Kibbe	. 87.77

Mar.	2.	Cash from guardian of Mrs A. Calkins	\$ 74.75
"	2.	Cash for use Town Hall	38.00
"	2.	Cash for Histories sold	8.00
"	2.	Cash of C. L. Tarbell, tax of 1889	1,069.10
"	2.	Cash of Cheney Newton, tax of 1890	6,959.42
			————— \$12,575.05

1891.

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March	2.	By paid orders as follows, viz:	
		For highway repairs	\$1,400.83
		Bridges	205.07
		Snow paths	—————
		Schools	1,990.60
		Schoolhouse repairs	143.32
		Paupers	1,373.11
		Salaries of officers	579.60
		Town debt and interest	565.24
		Miscellaneous expenses	1,120.93
		Stebbins townway	956.48
		State and county taxes	988.42
		State and military aid	365.00
		Bills of 1889-90	34.47
		Public Library	11.35
		Discount on taxes	318.52
		Memorial day	44.36
		Bal. in Treasurer's hands,	2,477.75
			————— \$12,575.05

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

1891

ASSETS.

March	2.	Cash in the hands of the Treas- urer	\$2,477.75
		Due from State for aid to soldiers	332.00

Second Cong. Society	.	\$125.00
Sanford Booth	.	150.00
Silver, Burdett & Co.	.	21.00
Tax of 1889 uncollected	.	131.59
Tax of 1890 uncollected	.	884.68
		<hr/> \$4,122.02

1891.

LIABILITIES.

March 2.	Due Palmer Savings Bank	.	\$3,500.00
	For interest to March 1.	.	39.38
	Library appropriation	.	117.65
	Dog fund not appropriated		98.85
	John F. Lumbard, land		
	damage . . . . .	.	20.00
	Josiah Stebbins, land damage		25.00
	Norman S. Powers, land		
	damage . . . . .	.	75.00
	Goodale Cemetery fund	.	50.00
	Northampton Hospital for		
	Mrs. Hill . . . . .	.	28.17
	C. S. Tarbell, collector	.	20.00
	Cheney Newton, collector		20.00
	Balance assets over liabilities	.	127.97
			<hr/> \$4,122.02

HARRIET ALLEN FUND.

Principal in Springfield Institution for		
Savings	\$174.94
Dividends to January 1, 1891	.	41.26
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		\$216.20

HENRY F. BROWN, Treasurer.

The undersigned having examined the foregoing accounts, and the vouchers therefor, finds them correct.

GEO. M. HITCHCOCK, Auditor.

INSURANCE ON TOWN PROPERTY.

Expires.	Name of Company.	Property.	Amount.	
Oct. 17, 1893	Royal of Liverpool	Town House	\$1,650	
Oct. 17, 1893	Royal of Liverpool	Furniture, etc.	850	
Oct. 17, 1893	Hartford	Town House	1,560	
Oct. 17, 1893	Hartford	Furniture, etc.	850	
March 22, 1894	Ins. Co. of North America	Town House	2,000	
			<hr/>	\$7,000
Jan. 20, 1896	Ætna of Hartford	Public library		\$1,500
April 25, 1893	Quincy Mutual	Almshouse	\$1,700	
Feb. 1, 1894	Ætna of Hartford	Almshouse	700	
Feb. 1, 1894	Ætna of Hartford	Furniture	400	
Feb. 1, 1894	Ætna of Hartford	Ice house	100	
July 15, 1894	Ætna of Hartford	Almshouse barn	1,800	
Dec. 1, 1894	Phoenix of Brooklyn	Hog house	100	
Dec. 1, 1894	Phoenix of Brooklyn	Hay, grain, tools	400	
Dec. 1, 1894	Phoenix of Brooklyn	Live stock	500	
			<hr/>	\$5,700
Dec. 1, 1891	Ætna of Hartford	School house No. 1	\$2,700	
Aug. 8 1894	Ætna of Hartford	School house No. 2	1,000	
			<hr/>	\$3 700
			<hr/>	\$17,900

Town Clerk's Report.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1890.

Date.	Bridegroom.	Residence.	Bride.	Residence
1890				
Feb. 18	George L. Williams	Brimfield	Nellie Sargent	Brimfield
Feb. 26	Elmer C. Bond	Wales	Clara M. Felton	Wales
April 18	Fred A. Moore	Palmer	Lilly Ferris	Palmer
May 24	Herbert J. Bradway	Brimfield	Isola G. Jennings	Orange
June 12	Rudolph Linder	Brimfield	Lucy Ludington	Brimfield
June 28	Charles P. Groves	Palmer	Ida M. Blodgett	Brimfield
July 9	John A. Marsell	Brimfield	Estelle F. Drake	Holland
Aug. 14	John W. S. Wetherell	Brimfield	Etta L. Gilbert	Brimfield
Oct. 1	Francis B. Boardman	Meriden, Ct.	Mary P. Hitchcock	Brimfield
Oct. 7	Clarence H. Wesson	Southbridge	Anna J. Bump	Brimfield

BIRTHS RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1890.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child.	Sex.	Names of Parents.
1889			
March 25	Lester Silas Parker	M.	Orus E. and Eva A. Parker
1890			
Feb. 12	Mary Louisa Latendre	F.	Ovid and Sorasie Latendre
Feb. 22	Mary Conoghon	F.	John and Mary Ann Conoghon
Feb. 25	John Milton Newton	M.	Frank R. and Mary A. Newton
March 17	Nelson Carl Sartwell	M.	Benjamin H. and Mary Ann Sartwell
March 22	Gracie May King	F.	Leona K. King
May 13	Olive May Combs	F.	Frank W. and Abbie J. Combs
May 26	Frank A. Lumbard	M.	Harry A. and Anna W. Lumbard
May 30	Charles Brothers	M.	Alesk and Ellen Brothers
June 8	Lewis H. Lovelan l	M.	Charles F. and Celia H. Loveland
June 20	Gypsy Picket Converse	F.	John F. and Lizzie L. Converse
June 25	William Cyrus Bliss	M.	Arthur J. and Adaline Bliss
June 28	Florence May Adams	F.	Samuel H. and Augusta C. Adams
July 14	Dora Cynthia Sherman	F.	George W. and Alice F. Sherman
Aug. 7	Sarah Louisa McCrillis	F.	Orrin and Clara McCrillis
Aug. 21	Hazel May Adams	F.	Charles F. and Clara F. Adams
Sept. 3	Carl Louis Sweet	M.	Clifford A. and Jessica F. Sweet
Oct. 10	Frances A. Beauregard	F.	Paul and Rosella Beauregard
N. v. 7	Clinton Howlett Neff	M.	Charles and Louvan C. Neff
Nov. 14	William Reed Wetherell	M.	John W. S. and Etta L. Wetherell
Dec. 15	Willis Williams	M.	George L. and Nellie Williams

DEATHS RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1890.

Date of Death.	Name.	Cause of Death.	Yrs	Mos.	Days
Jan. 8,	Rebecca R. Moore	Apoplexy	69	9	
" 11,	Marion E. Williams	Marasmus Infantile	00	00	21
" 13,	Lucy O. Goodell	Tumor	77	10	22
" 24,	Patty B. Hitchcock	Paralysis	88	1	5
Feb 13,	Lucynthia Parker	Apoplexy	77		
Mar 8,	Elisa N. Tucker	La Grippe	79	2	16
" 17,	William J. Brown	Fell on Circular Saw	32	6	25
" 18,	Warren Agard	Pneumonia	58	6	2
" 30,	James H. Brown	Bright's Disease	78	7	11
April 11,	Henry W. Durant	Pneumonia & Peritonitis	21	2	8
May 17,	John Bloomingdale	Heart Disease	57	4	
" 19,	Lovina J. Ferry	Cancer of Womb	57	11	21
June 4,	John Wyles Converse	Membranous Croup	2	1	26
" 9,	Caroline R. Hale	Heart Disease	53	4	10
" 10,	Augusta Calkins	Epilepsy	54	5	7
July 27,	Lydia Louisa Pierson*	Heart Failure	79	4	2
" 31,	George B. Brown	Cholera	58	10	16
Aug. 7,	Eunice Gardner*	Old Age	89	6	7
" 16,	Henry R. Wood	Consumption	35	4	2
" 19,	William E. Webber	Bright's Disease	27	6	15
" 29,	Lewis H. Loveland	Marasmus	—	2	21
Nov. 9,	Charles Wililam Sherman	Convulsions	1	7	7
Dec. 2,	Olive M. Blashfield	Hepatic Carcinoma	66	—	26
" 19,	Harriet M. Brown	Progressive Anemia	62	2	2
" 25,	Fidelia C. Robinson	Apoplexy	77	2	19
" 28,	Charles O. Brown	Cerebral Hemorrhage	57	5	17

*Non Resident.

1890.

PERSONS BROUGHT HERE FROM OTHER PLACES FOR BURIAL.

Jan. 14,	Charles G. Morgan	31	9	8
Feb. 25,	Levins Graves	84	1	21
April 14,	Montraville Ackert	61	5	19
June 7,	Lydia Bryant	84		
July 14,	Annie M. Bartlett	26	9	4
" 28,	Thomas B. Jones	71	6	25

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

Superintendent of Schools

OF THE

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD.

. For the year ending March, 1891. . . .

School Report.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

Gentlemen of the School Committee :

This annual report of the condition of your schools should have the prefatory explanation that it pertains to only that portion of a year which has elapsed since supervision began, and within which only two terms of school have been held.

The financial status of the schools will appear in the report of other town officers.

A table of enrollment, attendance, etc., compiled from the registers, accompanies this report.

The State Report for 1888 gives 141 pupils. This year the record is 140. The average per cent of attendance is 87 3-8, last year 84.

BUILDINGS.

They are mostly in a fair state of repair, Nos. 5 and 6 having lately been set in order. No. 3, however, the West Brick schoolhouse, is an exception. Here floor, seats, blackboards, stovepipe, and perhaps stove, are practically worn out; new ones are needed and some attention given to the walls, chimney, and to other parts of the building.

In a few schoolhouses seats still remain which were provided in former days when older and larger students filled the rooms. Now, as only the smaller pupils compose the schools, these seats from size and wear during intervening years, are entirely inadequate to present requirements, in suitableness or in hygienic conditions of erect posture, with feet resting upon floor, either in study, writing or desk occupations.

In the intermediate room of No. 1 school, seats and windows should be so adjusted as to avoid injurious effects to the pupils from facing the light, and a rearrangement of cloak rooms and hallways could be made which would facilitate school operations.

I recommend that repairs, as above suggested, be immediately considered.

SCHOOLS.

The schools are moderately supplied with maps, charts, and other appurtenances, which show wear and use.

The teachers have provided themselves with the minor appliances to aid in the business of instruction, and the use of improved methods is a gain to all classes in the intelligence and interest apparent in their studies.

Improvements in the course of study are to be noted. The introduction of Hyde's Lessons in Language affords ample means of drill in this subject. The Normal Review system of writing has advantages that will facilitate instruction in penmanship.

From these changes good results are already seen and more pronounced advances will follow from further use.

ATTENDANCE.

But in the way of providing conditions for satisfactory education—good buildings, good facilities, good methods—there must be good and regular attendance withal to secure good schooling.

The attendance as a whole compared with recent years is in favor of the present in regularity and punctuality; yet the harm by absence or tardiness is sufficiently great to warrant review of the subject, and to urge its importance upon the attention of those most closely concerned.

Nothing save sickness or the force of uncontrollable circumstance should break the regularity of attendance. Dissatisfaction concerning a school should not withhold attendance.

It is better to refer the question to the superintendent or school committee for full investigation—perhaps it is only a mis-

aprehension—and let there be a prompt, harmonious, and equitable adjustment of the case. Such a course will promote the welfare and usefulness of the schools.

INSTITUTES.

State Agent A. W. Edson conducted an institute Feb. 10, giving a method of instruction in numbers and arithmetic and in language, also remarks on school management.

Teachers from Holland and Wales were present and there was a large public attendance. Mr. Edson was assisted by State Agent H. T. Bailey in lessons on drawing. The gentlemen addressed also an evening meeting.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

Several attempts to hold teachers' meetings regularly at the Centre resulted unsatisfactorily, because of the difficulty experienced in teachers obtaining conveyances to the village from outlying districts. Several of the teachers have attended meetings at Monson, which they can do conveniently. The diversity in age, numbers, attendance and attainments in the schools, together with the peculiarities belonging to them, bring up different complications in each school, requiring a special visit for advice and suggestion.

About seventy-five visits to the various schools have already been made.

In thus briefly recounting conditions of the schools no attempt has been made to magnify their progress or to shield their weakness. There has not been sufficient time to accomplish all that is desired or contemplated.

Permit me now to express my thanks for courtesies at the hands of teachers, patrons and of the school committee.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. WASSON.

Brimfield, March 14.

ENROLLMENT, MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE, ETC., 1890-91.

No. of School.	NAME OF SCHOOL.	No. enrolled.	No. over fifteen.	No. between eight and fourteen years.	No. under five.	AVERAGE TERM MEMBERSHIP.			AVERAGE TERM ATTENDANCE.			Average yearly membership.	Average yearly attendance.	Per cent of attendance for the year.
						Spring.	Fall.	Winter.	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.			
1	{ Intermediate Primary East Brimfield West Brick Tower Hill North East Dunhamtown West Brimfield	22	1	18		18.45	16.16	15.08	16.99	15.53	13.35	16.56	15.29	.86
2		26	1	16		20.56	22.66	20.40	16.29	22.20	18.40	21.20	18.96	.89
3		27		16	1	17.46	20.08	10.41	16.26	17.25	8.17	15.95	13.89	.83
5		10		6		9.83	7.25	6.04	8.41	6.34	5.89	7.70	6.58	.85
6		13		8		12.00	12.27	12.00	10.79	11.12	11.78	12.09	11.23	.92
7		15		10		10.83	12.75	12.07	9.83	11.16	10.28	11.88	10.42	.88
10		18	1	1	1	15.58	14.66	13.80	12.46	13.30	11.50	14.68	12.42	.84
		9		5		7.25	5.25		6.50	5.00		6.25	5.75	.92
	Total	140	3	87	2							106.31	94.54	.873

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The time since the adoption of supervision has been too short to give a fair trial to the system. Sufficient improvement and advantage has been noted by the committee to recommend a continuance. In the beginning it was found necessary to make several changes in the corps of teachers, chiefly on account of our inability to increase the salaries to the sums offered by larger towns.

Under these conditions we had to accept the resignations and "hustle about" endeavoring at the last minute to obtain competent teachers at our figures and to open the schools at the time assigned.

At the salaries offered the procuring of teachers of known ability was not an easy task. It was accomplished, however, and those selected have proven acceptable. In the future we shall endeavor to have teachers at home to select from. At the Hitchcock Free High School it is expected that a teachers' class will be formed and conducted during the spring term by the Superintendent. This is intended to aid those who expect to teach in the study of the sciences, art and history of teaching before undertaking its duties and responsibilities. It will inspire them to obtain a Normal school training if possible.

The change of teachers has been only one of the many obstacles, which the superintendent had to contend with. There are many in every community, who oppose any form of progress and contend that no advantage results from improved methods. These persons will not investigate and are not open to conviction, but those who understand the object in view believe most thoroughly in supervision.

From observation the committee have seen where the Superintendent can accomplish more than any committee either individually or collectively. The Superintendent has been and is a successful teacher, well posted on educational work. By his attendance on various meetings of teachers, superintendents and agents employed by the State he keeps in advance of the times, sees the needs of the scholars and teachers. He brings the result of these observations to the help of teachers and committee in his district. He arranges teachers' meetings, makes sugges-

tions, gives instructions, corrects mistakes and keeps the teachers enthusiastic in their work. He examines and recommends the teachers to the committee. He sees and shows each teacher her mistakes, suggests good methods for her to follow so that the good, the fair and the poor teacher are all stimulated to render the best service they are capable of. Under his direction the schools are worked on a graded plan from the beginning to the end of the term. He examines, classifies and promotes pupils. He keeps the committee informed on the condition of the schools, the books, the abilities of the teachers and their wants. Giving, as he does, all his time he can do more thorough and systematic work than any committee individually or collectively and the committee are better posted on the schools as a unit where formerly they knew only of those districts assigned for them to visit. He visits both his and the schools of other towns at regular intervals; endeavors to bring them all on a level. To dispense with supervision would be a step backward. Other towns which voted last year against supervision, recognizing their mistake are preparing to pass the measure at the coming election, and would be well satisfied to drop into any place made vacant for them. The actual cost of maintaining the superintendent has been considerably less than the money appropriated for salaries of the school committee.

At the last session of the Legislature the law in regard to school attendance was altered so that children between the ages of eight and fourteen years must now attend school thirty weeks in the year. In view of these conditions the committee recommend an increased appropriation for the schools.

The school terms will begin April 13, Sept. 7, Nov. 30.

R. V. SAWIN,
L. S. BROWN,
G. H. STREETER,

School Committee.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT,

Town of Brimfield,

1890.

Report of Assessors, 1890.

VALUATION AND TAX RATE \$17 PER 1000.

No. Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
A			
1	George S. Allen.	1 horse 40, 3 cows 50, 1 yearling 10, total \$100. Buildings 350, home farm 52—350, Bates lot 50, total \$750. Total valuation \$850.	\$16 45
1	Charles S. Allen.	.	2 00
1	Charles F. Adams.	1 cow 25, total, \$25.	2 51
1	George G. Allen.	.	2 00
1	Frank E. Allen.	.	2 00
1	Henry Adams.	1 horse 75, 1 cow 25; total \$100. Buildings 500, farm 325; total real \$820. Total valuation \$925.	17 81
1	Samuel H. Adams.	2 horses 150, 2 oxen 75, 19 cows 380, 3 2-year-olds 45, 6 yearlings 60, 11 swine 50; total \$760. Buildings 1,000, farm 1,850; total real \$2,850. Total \$3,610.	63 37
1	John Auger.	.	2 00
1	George Adams.	1 horse 75, 6 oxen 200, 3 cows 60, 4 2-year-olds 60, 1 yearling 10; total \$405. Buildings 250, farm 250; total real \$500. Cheever place, buildings 500, farm 1,000; total \$1,500. Total \$2,405.	42 97
1	Lucius Agard.	Sprout lot 75.	3 36

No. Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
1	George F. Agard.	1 horse 50, 2 oxen 80, 6 cows 135, 4 2-year-olds 60; total \$325. Buildings 500, farm 1,100; total real \$1,600. Total \$1,930. .	\$34 81
	Estate Warren Agard.	Buildings 200, farm 800, Allen lot 150; total \$1,150. . . .	19 55
1	Austin Andrews.	2 horses 125, 1 cow 25; total 150. Buildings 500, farm 400, Spurrell lot 100, James lot 200; total \$1,200. Total \$1,350. .	24 95
1	Joseph N. Allen.	Buildings 150, farm 600, Barry lot 150, Fosket lot 400, Ferry lot No. 1 50, No. 2 200; total \$1,550	28 35
	Estate D. P. Allen.	Buildings 700, farm 800, N. E. lot 200, Shumway lot 80, meadow 50, Hard- scrable 75; total \$1,955. . . .	33 32
1	Elijah Allen.	Buildings 700, lot 50; total \$750.	14 75

B

1	Melvin Booth.	1 horse 40, 2 cows 50; total \$90. Buildings 275, lot 175, pasture 100, orchard 75; total \$625. Total \$715. . . .	14 24
1	Herbert E. Benson.	. . . .	2 00
1	William Bloomer.	1 horse 25, 2 oxen 60, 2 cows 40, 1 yearling 10, 2 sheep 10; total \$145. Build- ings 150, farm 350; total \$500. Total \$645.	13 05
1	O. A. Blashfield.	6 cows 110, 2 yearlings 15; total \$125. Buildings 300, farm 700; total \$1,000. Total \$1,125. . . .	21 21
1	E. L. Bemis.	2 horses 50, 5 oxen 170, 7 cows 150, 4 2-year-olds 60, 8 yearlings 60, 2 swine 25; total \$515. Buildings 1,100, farm 1,800; total \$2,900. Total \$3,415. . . .	60 14
1	Moses H. Baker.	. . . .	2 00
	Mrs. M. H. Baker.	1 horse 75, 2 oxen 90, 5 cows 110, 2 swine 10; total \$285. . . .	4 93
1	A. H. Bump.	. . . .	2 00
1	A. J. Bliss.	1 horse 50; total \$50. . . .	2 85
1	Paul Beauregard.	. . . .	2 00
1	Charles E. Bacon.	. . . .	2 00

No. Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
1	James Reed Brown.	1 horse 50, 6 cows 125, 1 2-year-old 20, 3 yearlings 25, 1 carriage 25; total \$145. Buildings 650, farm 750; total \$1,400. Total \$1,545.	\$28 35
1	Henry F. Brown.	Buildings 900, lot 100; total \$1,000.	19 00
2	E. G. Bemis.	2 horses 90, 2 cows 40, 1 carriage 50, total \$170. Buildings 1,100, lot 450, total real \$1,550. Total \$1,720.	31 24
1	Louis S. Brown.	1 horse 80, stock 1,000, total \$1,080.	20 36
1	John L. Bacon.	3 horses 250, 1 cow 30, 2 yearlings 20, 2 swine 10, 2 carriages 150, total \$460. Buildings 4,800, lot 150, farm buildings 400, farm 750, Sprout lot 100, B. & R. lot 350; total real \$6,550. Total \$7,110.	121 17
1	W. C. Blashfield.	1 horse 50, 2 cows 50, 1 swine 5, 1 carriage 40; total personal \$145. Buildings 475, farm 175, wood lot 150; total real \$800. Total \$945.	18 15
1	Thomas C. Blashfield.	3 cows 60, 2 2-year-olds 30; total personal \$90. Buildings, 600, farm 175, Brown lot 50; total real \$825. Total \$915.	17 64
1	Alic Brothers.	1 horse 25, 1 cow 25; total \$50.	2 85
1	Jaques Boutillier.	.	2 00
1	Alexander Brodener.	.	2 00
1	Henry Blodget.	2 horses 125, 2 oxen 90, 12 cows 300, 2 yearlings 15, 1 swine 10; personal 540. Buildings 800, farm 1,300; total real \$2,100. Total \$2,640.	46 88
1	Milo D. Booth.	.	2 00
1	Sandford Booth.	1 horse 100, 2 oxen 75, 15 cows 325, 4 2-year-olds 60, 8 yearlings 60, swine 25, personal 645. Buildings 1,100, farm 2,100, real 3,200, total \$3,845.	67 45
1	Milo Booth.	1 horse 100, 2 oxen 80, 6 cows 130, 1 2-year-old 15, 5 yearlings 40, personal 365. Buildings 450, farm 1,150, real 1,600, total \$1,965.	35 49

No. Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
1	Asa P. Blodget.	2 oxen 100, 4 cows 100, 3 2-year-olds 45, 3 yearlings 25, personal 270. Buildings 200, farm 600, real 800, total \$1,070.	\$20 19
1	Edward B. Brown.	2 horses 150, 2 oxen 90, 21 cows 500, 3 2-year-olds 45, personal 785. Buildings 800, farm 2,600, real 3,400, total \$4,185.	73 23
1	Fred A. Brown.	.	2 00
1	Philip Burns.	4 horses 300, 18 cows 425, 4 yearlings 30, personal 755. Buildings \$1,000, farm 1,600, real 2,600, total \$3,355.	59 12
1	H. J. Bradway.	1 horse 75, total \$75.	3 36
1	Dan Bowen.	.	2 00
1	Joseph P. Brown.	1 horse 25, 2 oxen 90, 5 cows 125, 1 2-year-old 15, 2 yearlings 10, 2 swine 10, personal 285. Buildings 600, farm 1,600, real 2,200, total \$2,485.	44 16
1	Charles O. Brown.	1 horse 25, 2 cows 40, 1 2-year-old 15, 1 yearling 10, personal 90. Buildings 450, farm 300, real 750, total \$840.	16 28
1	J. Richard Brown.	1 horse 30, 2 oxen 75, 8 cows 200, 4 2-year-olds 60, 25 sheep 80, 2 swine 20, personal 465. Buildings 600, farm 1,100 mountain lot 600, real 2,300, total \$2,765.	49 09
1	John W. Brown.	.	2 00
1	Arthur B. Brown.	.	2 00
	Estate J. H. Brown.	4 horses 250, 11 cows 275, 4 2-year-olds 60, 2 yearlings 20, 2 swine 20, personal 625. Buildings 1,400, farm 1,450, Maynard lot 275, Hubbard lot 175, Old Maid lot 175, real 3,475, total \$4,100.	69 87
1	Charles A. Brown.	1 horse 70, 4 cows 80, 1 yearling 10, personal 160. Buildings 450, farm 300, Sprout lot 50, real 800, total \$960.	18 32
1	Oscar F. Brown.	1 horse 25, 2 oxen 100, 5 cows 125, 2 2-year-olds 30, 6 yearlings 50, 4 swine 30, personal 360. Buildings 900, farm 1,400, Plain lot 125, Tarbell lot 350, real 2,775, total \$3,135.	55 38

No. Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax
1	Samuel W. Brown.	1 horse 25, 2 cows 50, 1 2-year-old 15, 1 yearling 10, total \$100. Buildings 1,400, farm 700, Sprout lot 75, real 2,175, total \$2,275.	\$40 76
1	James N. Buxton.	1 horse 20, 2 oxen 75, 3 cows 70, personal 165; buildings 850, farm 1,300, real 2,150, total \$2,315.	41 44
1	W. J. Ball.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Edward Bliss.	2 horses 125, 1 cow 30, 1 carriage 25, personal 180; buildings 1,650, home lot 300, Hitchcock lot 350, Charles lot 250, real 2,550, total 2,750.	48 41
1	Julius Bacon.	. . . . .	2 00
1	James S. Blair.	. . . . .	2 00
	Mrs. J. B. Bloomingdale.	1 horse 25, 1 cow 25, 1 2-year-old 15, personal 65; buildings 200, farm 650, real 850, total \$915.	15 64
1	James Bloomingdale.	. . . . .	2 00
1	George B. Brown.	1 horse 100, 1 cow 15, stock in trade 300, personal 415; buildings 500, lot 200, real 700, total \$1,115.	21 04
1	James T. Brown.	Cash 2,500; buildings 1,000, lot 100, real 1,100, total \$3,600.	63 20
1	Charles C. Brown.	. . . . .	2 00
1	F. Edgar Brown.	Buildings 1,100, land 100, total \$1,200.	22 40
1	Ira B. Brown.	1 cow 25, personal 25; buildings 500, lot 125, Hitchcock lot 40, Sprout lot 40, real 705, total \$730.	14 58
1	J. W. Browning.	1 horse 25, 1 cow 25, cash 1,500, personal 1,550, buildings 800, lot 150, orchard 75, real 1,025, total \$2,575.	45 86
1	George Bacon.	Buildings 1,400, farm 850, Hitchcock lot 300, total \$2,550.	45 35
	Brown & Gould.	Sprout lot 30.	51
	Estate Mrs. Bennett.	Buildings 250, farm 600, total 850.	14 45

No. Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
	Boston and Albany Railroad.	Buildings 850, lot 50, total \$900.	\$15 30
1	Isaac Brothy.		2 00
	Mrs. Calvin Baker.	Buildings 100, land 500, exempt 500, total \$100.	1 70

C

1	Moses A. Cheever.	1 horse 25, total \$25,	2 51
1	E. W. Cheever.		2 00
1	Miner H. Corbin.	2 horses 150, 10 cows 225, 1 2-year-old 15, 8 sheep 25, 1 swine 5, personal 420; buildings 650, farm 1,250, real 1,900, total \$2,320.	41 44
1	Palmer Corbin.	1 horse 25, 1 cow 25, total \$50	2 85
	Lucy M. Corbin.	Buildings 150, land 200, total 350.	5 95
1	Francis E. Cook.	Buildings 300, lot 25, Sprout lot 25, Russell lot 40, Russell place 50, total \$440.	9 48
1	John L. Craffee, Jr.	1 horse 50, 2 oxen 50, 3 cows 60, 2 yearlings 25, 19 sheep 60, personal 245. Buildings 600, farm 300, Moon meadow 40, total real \$940. Total \$1,185.	22 23
1	John F. Converse.	Buildings 2,500, lot 300. Hunter place; buildings 250, lot 150, total \$3,200.	56 40
	Lizzie L. Converse.	1 horse 100, 2 cows 60, 1 2-year-old 20, 1 yearling 10, 2 swine 10, 2 carriages 200, cash 5,000, personal 5,400; buildings 3,800, lot 1,300, real 4,100, total \$9,500.	161 50
1	Horatio L. Converse.	1 horse 100, 1 cow 25, stock in trade 2,000, personal 2,125; buildings 1,250, lot 50, real 1,300, total \$3,425.	60 31
1	George F. Chamberlain.	3 horses 250, personal 250; buildings 2,250, lot 500, Hitchcock lot 100, real 2,850, total \$3,100.	54 70
	Charles F. Crawford.	3 horses 175, 7 cows 150, 1 2-year-old 15, personal 340; buildings 250, land 500, real 750, total \$1,090.	18 53
1	John Cunningham.	1 horse 25, 4 cows 100, personal 125; buildings 250, farm 750, real 1,000, total \$1,125.	21 21

No. Poll s.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax
1	A. C. Cowles.	.	\$2 00
1	Lucius A. Cutler.	1 horse 30, 2 cows 50, 1 yearling 10, personal 90; buildings 750, lot 500, pasture 250, real 1,500, total \$1,590.	29 03
1	John Connegan.	1 horse 40, 6 cows 130, 3 yearlings 30, personal 200; buildings 300, farm 700, real 1,000, total \$1,200.	22 40
1	Joseph A. Champeaux.	3 horses 175, 8 cows 190, 2 2-year-olds 35, 5 yearlings 50, personal 450; buildings 600, farm 150, real 2,100, total \$2,550.	45 35
1	Frank W. Coombs.	1 horse 100, total 100.	3 70
1	Elmer W. Carder.	.	2 00
1	Patrick Cassady.	2 oxen 80, 3 cows 60, 1 2-year-old 20, 2 yearlings 20, 1 sheep 5, personal 185; buildings 275, farm 700, real 975, total \$1,160.	21 89
1	Fred A. Charles.	.	2 00
1	Byron W. Charles.	.	2 00
	Estate of A. Charles.	3 horses 300, 4 oxen 200, 20 cows 400, 17 2-year-olds 255, 2 yearlings 20, 5 sheep 20, 3 swine 30, 1 carriage 50, personal 1,275; buildings 1,800, farm 3,300, Charles lot 800, swamp 100, Bemis lot 100, real 6,100, total \$7,375.	127 46

D

1	Orrin B. Davis.	.	2 00
2	G. & J. Dunham.	1 horse 75, 2 oxen 115, 8 cows 170, 5 2-year-olds 75, 2 yearlings 20, personal 480; buildings 800, farm 1,400, Nichols lot 400, real 2,600, total \$3,080.	56 36
1	Harrison L. Damon.	1 horse 50, 4 cows 90, 1 2-year-old 15, 1 yearling 12, personal 167; buildings 375, farm 225, Phelps lot 40, real 640, total \$807.	15 77
1	Hovey W. Davis.	.	2 00
1	A. J. Daniels.	Stock in trade 2,000, total \$2,000.	36 00
1	James H. Defley.	.	2 00

No. Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
1	Edward H. Davenport.	3 horses 125, 4 cows 85, 4 2-year-olds 80, 2 swine 20, personal 310; buildings 200, farm 325, Benson lot 225, real 750, total \$1,060.	\$20 02
1	J. C. Dix.	2 horses 100, 3 cows 65, 2 two-year-olds 35, 3 yearlings 25, 1 sheep 3, 2 swine 10, personal 238; buildings, 1,050, farm 1,400, Gleason lot 150, real 2,600, total \$2,838.	50 28
1	Cyprion Dion.	2 horses 90, 2 oxen 50, 5 cows 100, 1 sheep 5, 2 swine 10, personal 255; buildings 300, farm 900, real 1,200, total \$1,455.	26 82
1	Dexter Daniels.	1 horse 20, 2 cows 40, personal 60; buildings 200, farm 200, real 400, total \$460.	9 82
1	Wm. L. Daniels.	1 cow 25, 1 swine 10, personal 35; buildings 350, lot 100, real 450, total \$485.	10 33
	Miss A. Drury.	Buildings 550, lot 100, total \$650.	11 05
1	Wm. C. Davenport.	. . . . .	2 00

E

1	John A. Elliott.	1 cow 25, 1 yearling 10, personal 35, buildings 150, farm 350, real 500, total \$535.	11 18
1	J. Emerson.	Draper lot 275, Breakneck lot 75, wood lot 500, total \$850.	16 45
1	Silas H. Ellery,	1 horse 100, 1 carriage 75, total \$175.	5 06
1	Daniel Eagan.	3 horses 225, 14 cows 300, 6 2-year-olds 90, 2 yearlings 15, 2 swine 10, personal 640; buildings 600, farm 1500, Hoar lot 350, real 2,450, total \$3,090.	54 53
1	Levi W. Emerson.	Buildings 150, lot 40, total \$190.	5 23

F

1	James Finnity		2 00
1	Roswell W. Foskitt.	1 horse 25, 2 oxen 80, 2 cows 50, personal 155, buildings 700, farm 1,300, real 2,000. Total \$2,155	38 72
1	Thomas Fitzgerald.	1 horse 25, 3 cows 55, 2 2-year-olds 15, personal 90; buildings 250, farm 500 real 750, total \$840	16 45

No. Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
1	William Favro	.	\$2 00
1	John E. Farrell.	1 horse 50, 2 oxen 80, 2 cows 50, personal 180; buildings 600, farm 875, Aldrich lot 25, real 1,500, total \$1,680.	30 56
1	Benjamin B. Fenton.	1 horse 50, 2 cows 60, 3 2-year-olds 45, 2 yearlings 15, personal 170; buildings 800, farm 800, real 1,600, total \$1,770	32 09
1	Frank W. Fenton.	6 horses 250, 2 cows 50, 25 sheep 60, total \$360.	8 12
1	D. W. Fosket.	4 horses 350, stock in trade 600, personal 950; buildings 350, Puffer place 250, buildings 100, Fosket place 300, Hitchcock lot 300, real 1,300, total \$2,250	40 25
1	Rufus Fosket.	1 cow 25, 5 2-year-olds 60, 8 yearlings 75, personal 160; buildings 600, Wight place 550, buildings 3,500, home farm 550, real 5,200; total \$5,360	93 12
	Estate J. R. Fay.	Buildings 250, lot 200, total \$450	7 65
	Fosket & Lombard.	Sprague lot \$400	6 80
	Lucius C. Fenton.	Buildings 700, farm 1,450, total \$2,150	36 55

G

1	Clifton L. Gould.	1 horse 125, 3 cows 50, personal 175; buildings 500, farm 350, Mountain lot 250, real 1,100, total \$1,275	23 76
1	John Gates.	Buildings 300, lot 40, total \$340	7 78
1	Joseph Gates.	1 horse 75, 5 swine 25, personal 100; land 175, total \$275	6 76
1	John P. Griggs.	1 horse 50, 3 cows 60, 1 2-year-old 15, 2 yearlings 20, 20 sheep 40, total personal 185; buildings 550, farm 1,100, real 1,650 total \$1,835	33 28
1	William H. Green.	3 horses 200, 4 cows 75, 5 2-two-year-olds 75, 4 yearlings 35, 1 swine 10, personal 395; buildings 500, farm 450, Tarbell lot 350, Sessions lot 100, real 1,400, total \$1,795	32 60

No. Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
1	Lyman P. Green.	2 cows 45; buildings 250, farm 200, real 450, total \$495.	\$10 50
1	William A. Gilbert.	1 horse 25, 4 2-year-olds 60, personal 85; buildings 150, land 350, real 500, total \$585	12 03
1	Edwin E. Gifford		2 00
	Celestra Goodale.	1 horse 100, 1 cow 25, 1 sheep 5, personal 130; buildings 250, farm 300, real 550, exempt 500, total \$180.	3 06
	Olive M. Groves.	1 horse 25, 4 cows 80, personal 105; buildings 400, farm 350, Hunt lot 75, Ropin lot 30, real 855, exempt 500, total \$460.	7 99
1	William Gilbert		2 00
1	Horace M. Gardner		2 00
	Estate N. M. Goodale.	Buildings 1,400, lot 100, total \$1,500	25 50

H

1	W. E. Holland.		2 00
1	Lewis Harness, 1 cow 25.		2 51
1	John Haley.	3 horses 225, 2 oxen 100, 22 cows 450, 4 2-year-olds 60, 2 yearlings 15, 2 swine 6, personal 856; buildings 750, farm 2,450, real 3,200, total \$4056.	71 02
1	James Hughes.		2 00
1	Newton S. Hubbard.	1 horse 125, 4 oxen 175, 15 cows 375, 5 swine 40, 1 carriage 50, personal 765; buildings 1,250, farm 1,500, Hill lot 250, real \$3,000, total \$3,765.	66 09
1	George F. Holdridge.	1 horse 30, 3 cows 75, 1 yearling 10, personal 15; buildings 250, farm 800, Groves lot 75, real 1,125, total \$1,240.	23 25
1	Dennis J. Hannon.	1 horse 50, 2 cows 50, 14 sheep 45, 2 swine 10, personal 155, buildings 250, farm 500, real 750, total 805, exempt 670, total \$235.	6 08
1	Orrin Hicks.	3 horses 150, 1 cow 25, 1 swine 5, 1 carriage 50, personal 230; buildings 600, farm 400, sprout lot 200, real 1,200, total \$1,430.	26 31

No. Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
1	Chandler Healy.	1 cow 15; building 225, lot 50, real 275, total \$290.	\$7 10
1	Herbert F. Healy.	1 horse 50.	2 85
1	Harvey D. Hall,	1 horse 100, 2 oxen 100, 3 cows 75, 2 yearlings 25, personal 300; buildings 250, farm 1,900, real 2,150, total 2,450.	43 65
1	E. F. Hanson.	1 horse 100.	3 70
1	Lewis A. Howard.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Horace S. Howes.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Frank B. Hodge.	. . . . .	2 00
1	James Harvey.	Buildings 1,300, lot 100, total \$1,400.	25 80
1	John Hines.	1 horse 25.	2 51
	Mrs. J. Hines.	Buildings 200, lot 25, total \$225.	3 91
1	Ellis C. Hicks.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Daniel Haynes.	Buildings 125, lot 75, wood lot 50, total \$250.	6 25
1	Frank G. Hitchcock.	1 horse 100, 2 2-year-olds 30, 2 swine 10, personal 140. Buildings 400, farm 600, real 1,000. Total \$1,140.	21 38
1	Emulos Harvey.	1 horse 25, 4 2-year-olds 75, personal 100. Buildings 450, farm 850, real 1,300. Total \$950.	25 80
1	Herbert E. Harvey.	. . . . .	2 00
	Michael Hymes.	1 horse 25, 4 2-year-olds 80, 1 swine 10, personal 115. Dwellings 300, farm 700, real 1,000. Total \$1,115.	19 04
1	Thomas A. Harwood.	Buildings 200, farm 400, Ferry lot 50, Blanchard lot 50, Ballue lot 230, Farrington lot 38, total real \$968.	18 49
1	George M. Hitchcock.	2 horses 200, 5 cows 110, personal 310. Buildings 2,000, farm 760, Russell lot 175, factory lot 25, real 2,950, total \$3,260.	57 42
1	William K. Howard.	. . . . .	2 00

No. Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
1	Edward W. Hitchcock.	Cash 400, 2 horses 100, 1 cow 20, 2 2-year-olds 30, 1 yearling 8, 4 swine 20, 1 carriage 25, personal 603. Buildings 2,500, lot 200, wood lot 50, Morgan lot 275, real 3,025, total \$3,628.	\$63 71
	Estate of Patty Hitchcock;	buildings 500, lot 200, total \$700.	11 90
1	Marcus Hitchcock.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Walter Haynes.	1 cow 25; buildings 400, farm 300, real 700, total 725.	14 41
1	Charles A. Homer.	Buildings 1,100, lot 50, total \$1,150,	21 55
1	Oscar B. Hale.	. . . . .	2 00

J

1	David W. Janes.	1 horse 75, 2 oxen 75, 7 cows 175, 2 2-year-olds 30, 5 yearlings 60, 2 swine 10, personal 425. Buildings 850, farm 800, Shumway lot 125, Arnold lot 100, Bruce lot 50, real 1,925, total \$2,350.	42 12
2	H. & H. Janes.	1 horse 100, 4 oxen 160, 8 cows 200, 3 2-year-olds 40, 1 yearling 10, 8 sheep 32, 1 swine 15, personal 557. Buildings 800, farm 800, Wells lot 150, Arnold lot 275, real 2,025, total \$2,582.	48 03
1	Edwin A. Janes.	1 horse 100, 4 oxen 115, 7 cows 140, 3 swine 15, one carriage 50, personal 420. Buildings 750, farm 850, real 1,600, total \$2,020.	36 34
1	William A. Janes.	. . . . .	2 00
1	William S. Janes.	1 horse 100, 2 oxen 120, 6 cows 130, 1 yearling 12, 1 carriage 50, personal 412; buildings 1,100, home lot 150, farm 1,200, Parker lot 35, wood lot 150, Sherman lot 275, Russell lot 170, real 3,080, total \$3,492.	61 50

No. Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax
K			
1	Nickel Keysin.	.	\$2 00
1	George L. Kenney.	1 horse 25, 3 cows 65, 3 year- lings 30, personal 320; buildings 500, farm 400, real 900, total \$1,220.	22 74
	Estate of Mrs. Kibbee.	Buildings 100, lot 100, total \$200.	3 40
L			
1	Frank Locke.	2 horses 60, 4 cows 75, 1 2-year- old 15, personal 150. Chamberlain lot 100, total \$250.	6 25
1	Dwight Lombard.	.	2 00
1	John H. Lombard.	1 horse 50, 1 carriage 60, per- sonal 110; buildings 200, lot 50, real 250, total \$360.	8 12
1	Orid Letindre.	2 horses 50, 2 2-year-olds 25, personal 75.	3 36
1	John F. Lombard.	2 horses 200, 1 cow 25, personal 225; buildings 400, lot 125, Plain lot 200, Keyes lot 250, Wells lot 30, Charles lot 25, real 1,030, total \$1,255.	23 42
1	Francis D. Lincoln.	3 horses 125, 5 cows 100, 3 2- year-olds 45, 1 swine 10, 1 carriage 100, personal 380; buildings 1,500, farm 1,300, Plain lot 175, sprout lot 575, wood 350, real 3,900, total \$4,280.	74 76
	John W. Lawrence.	20 cows 460; buildings 600, land 1,700, real 2,300, total \$2,760.	46 92
1	Charles F. Loveland.	.	2 00
1	Luke Lamb.	.	2 00
1	Harry A. Lombard.	2 horses 150, 1 cow 20, 1 2- year-old 15, personal 185; buildings 400, farm 500, real 900, total \$1,085.	20 53
1	Emery Livermore.	1 horse 60; buildings 750, lot 400, wood lot 75, real 1,225, total \$1,285.	23 93

No. Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
M			
1	N. P. Merrill.	7 horses 700, 2 cows 50, 3 swine 15, 1 carriage 40, personal 805; buildings 1,300, farm 1,300, real 2,600, total \$3,405.	\$59 97
1	Austin N. Moulton.	1 cow 30.	2 51
1	Thomas J. Morgan.	2 horses 150, 6 oxen 180, 6 cows 125, 3 yearlings 25, 2 swine 12, personal 492; buildings 1,300, farm 950, real 2,250, total \$2,742.	48 58
1	Frank D. Moon.	1 horse 20; buildings 375, lot 75, Plain lot 50, real 500, total \$520.	10 84
1	Elisha C. Marsh.	1 horse 25, 1 carriage 50, personal 75; buildings 1,050, farm 1,400, real 2,450, total \$2,525.	45 01
1	Orrin T. McCrellis.	1 horse 25, 6 cows 90, 2 2-year-olds 30, 1 yearling 10, 4 swine 20, total \$175.	5 06
1	Samuel A. McAllester.	3 horses 215, 2 oxen 90, 1 cow 25, 2 2-year-olds 15, 1 yearling 10, 1 sheep 5, personal 360; buildings 400, farm 300, real 700, total \$1,060.	20 12
1	William Merritt.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Hugh McIntire.	1 horse 50, 7 cows 150, 1 2-year-old 20, 1 sheep 8, personal 228; buildings 550, farm 550, real 1,100, total \$1,328.	24 61
1	Alfred Gilpen.	. . . . .	2 00
1	John S. Marsells.	. . . . .	2 00
1	Amos Munroe.	Cash 500, 3 horses 225, 6 cows 140, 1 carriage 40, personal 905; buildings 1,500, lot 500, Wheeler lot 200, real 2,200, total \$3,105.	53 87
1	John A. Marsells.	2 horses 175, 2 cows 50, 1 carriage 50, personal 275; buildings 625, farm 200, Bond lot 100, real 925, total \$1,175.	22 57
1	Edward H. Morgan.	. . . . .	2 00
1	A. C. G. Messerve.	1 horse 75, 4 oxen 125, 4 cows 100, 2 2-year olds 30, 1 yearling 8, 2 swine 10, personal 348; buildings 400, farm 1,300, Lombard lot 125, real 1,825, total \$2,173.	39 06

No. Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
1	John McIntire.	1 horse 50, 2 oxen 60, 9 cows 200, 3 sheep 15, 3 swine 15, personal 340; buildings 550, farm 1,300, real 1,850, total \$2,190.	\$39 23
1	Peter W. Moore.	1 horse 100, 3 cows 60, personal 160; buildings 350, farm 525, real 875, total \$1,035.	19 68
1	Orrin Q. Moore.	2 horses 75, 13 cows 260, 1 2-year- old 15, 1 yearling 10, 1 swine 10, personal 370; buildings 400, farm 1,500, real 1,900, total \$2,270.	40 59
1	Morris A Moore.	1 horse 100.	3 70
1	John W. Morgan.	1 horse 100, 2 cows 50, personal 150; buildings 800, lot 100, pasture 200, real 1,100, total \$1,250.	23 25
1	John A. McKinstry.	.	2 00
1	Needham Moulton.	.	2 00

N

1	James O'Neil.	.	2 00
1	John S. Needham.	2 horses 75, 2 cows 50, 1 two- year-old 18, 1 yearling 10, 2 swine 10, personal 163; buildings 700, farm 800, pasture 150, real 1,650, total, \$1,813.	32 77
1	Erasmus Newport.	1 cow 25.	2 51
1	Cheney Newton.	2 cows 50; buildings 500, Lock place 250, sprout lot 50, Old House lot 75, real 875, total \$925.	17 81
	Mrs. C. Newton.	Buildings 500, lot 75, total \$575.	9 86
1	Charles Neff.	1 horse 100.	3 70
1	Thomas J. Nevins.	.	2 00
1	Frank R. Newton.	1 horse 75, 1 2-year-old 20, per- sonal 95 ;land 600, total \$695.	13 90
1	Lyman Needham.	.	2 00
2	G. & J. Noyes.	1 horse 50, 2 oxen 90, 5 cows 120, 1 2-year-old 15, 1 yearling 10, 2 swine 10, person- al 295; buildings 600, farm 1,450, real 2,050, total \$2,345.	43 95

No. Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
	James Noyes.	Bummit 50, east wood lot 340, west wood lot 1,440, Blanchard lot 25, Gardner lot 75, Noyes 150, Shaw lot 20, total \$2,100.	\$35 70

P

1	Webster K. Pierce.	.	2 00
1	Silas Parker.	1 cow 20; buildings 500, lot 175, real 675, total 695.	13 90
1	Isaac W. Pratt.	2 horses 80; buildings 650, farm 1,300, real 1,950, total 2,030.	36 51
1	A. C. Pinney.	1 horse 50, 6 cows 125, 2 2-year-olds 30, 1 swine 10, personal 215; buildings 800, farm 550, real 1,350, total \$1,565.	28 69
1	Edward W. Potter.	Buildings 700, land 300, total \$1,000.	19 00
1	Porter A. Parker.	2 horses 150, 2 oxen 110, 10 cows 220, 3 2-year-olds 60, 1 yearling 10, 6 swine 30, 1 carriage 25, personal 605; buildings 1,700, farm 1,000, swamp lot 50, Morgan lot 275, Russell lot 225, wood lot 150, Cooley lot 150, real 3,550, total \$4,155.	72 72
1	Albert W. Pierson.	.	2 00
1	George C. Plimpton.	.	2 00
1	Oliver J. Plimpton.	1 horse 50, 8 cows 200, 2 yearlings 18, 1 swine 10, personal 278; buildings 500, farm 1,000, real 1,500, total \$1,778.	32 26
1	Wilber G. Parker.	3 horses 200, 4 cows 100, 1 yearling 10, 10 sheep 40, personal 350; buildings 700, farm 900, real 1,600, total 1,950.	35 15
1	Porter Plimpton.	2 horses 150, 14 cows 350, 3 2-year-olds 45, 1 sheep 3, personal 548; buildings 800, farm 1,800, real 2,600, total \$3,148.	55 55
1	Orus E. Parker.	4 horses 200, 17 cows 425, 2 2-year-olds 30, 1 yearling 10, personal 665; buildings 1,200, farm 2,700, Hill lot 150, wood lot 50, real 4,100, total 4,765.	83 09

No. Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
1	Norman S. Powers.	1 horse 50, 4 oxen 175, 17 cows 420, 4 yearlings 30, 55 sheep 200, personal 875; buildings 1,200, farm 1,600, Brown's hill 700, real 3,500, total 4,375. . . .	\$76 46
1	Geo. W. Powers.	. . . .	2 00
1	Nathan N. Powers.	1 horse 50. . . .	2 85
	Estate of Lucy Pynchon.	Buildings 750, lot 150, total \$900. . . .	15 30

R

1	Richard Ridell.	1 horse 25, 2 cows 40, personal 65.	3 19
1	James Ragan.	. . . .	2 00
1	M. L. Richardson.	. . . .	2 00
1	J. M. Russell.	. . . .	2 00
1	Albert Rice.	1 horse 40, 2 oxen 75, 2 cows 50, 1 2-year-old 15, personal 180; buildings 200, farm 200, real 400, total \$580. . . .	11 86
1	Fred J. Rice.	. . . .	2 00
1	George Rogers.	. . . .	2 00
1	I. G. Randell.	2 horses 60, 7 cows 175, 1 2-year-old 15, personal 215, buildings 450, farm 375, Dewy lot 125, real 950, total \$1,165. . . .	21 89
	Estate of N. F. Robinson.	Buildings 750, Moulton place 400, lot 125, Moulton lot 125, total \$1,400.	23 80
	John A. Royce.	1 cow 25; buildings 800, farm 1,250, real 2,250, total \$2,275. . . .	38 76

S

1	George W. Sherman.	2 horses 200, 2 cows 45, 9 2-year-olds 135, 3 yearlings 25, 20 sheep 60, 1 swine 10, personal 475; buildings 1,300, farm 1,000, Curley lot 600, Hardscrable 125, Ropin lot 25, real 3,050, total \$3,525. . . .	62 01
1	William Stone.	. . . .	2 00

No. Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
	Estate E. T. Sherman.	3 horses 200, 2 oxen 80, 10 cows 250, 3 2-year-olds 50, 4 swine 35, 2 carriages 150, personal 765; buildings 7,000, farm 2,500, Barrows' buildings 800, land 175, Stonedge lot 20, wood lot 300, east wood lot 100, Herring lot 600, swamp lot 50, real 11,545, total \$12,310.	\$209 44
1	George H. Streeter.	2 horses 150, 2 oxen 70, 10 cows 220, 2 2-year-olds 30, 4 yearlings 35, 5 sheep, 15, 8 swine 70, 1 carriage 50, total \$640	12 88
1	Chester Scarborough.	1 horse 50; buildings 300, lot 100, real 400, total \$450.	9 65
1	John M. Smith.	1 horse \$75.	3 36
1	Ignatius M. Sullivan.		2 00
1	Andrew Shennahan.		2 00
1	Edward St. John.		2 00
1	R. V. Sawin.	3 horses 225; buildings 2,225, land 375, real 2,600, total \$2,825	50 11
1	Charles M. Sawin.		2 00
1	James Scarborough.		2 00
1	Clifford A. Sweet.	1 horse 50, 1 cow 25, 2 2-year-olds 30, personal 105; buildings, 200, farm 325, real 525, total \$630.	12 88
1	Michael Sheridan.		2 00
1	John C. Spring.	2 oxen 80, 7 cows 140, 5 2-year-olds 90, 3 yearlings 30, 16 sheep 50, 6 swine 30, personal 470; buildings 1,000, farm 1,100, Parker lot 250, Upham lot 800, wood lot 270, Morgan 80, real 3,500, total \$3,970.	69 49
1	George M. Stowell.		2 00
	Mrs. G. M. Stowell.	1 cow 25, 2 2-year-olds 35, personal 60; buildings 500, land 550, real 1,050, total \$1,110.	18 87
1	Wm. H. Shaw.	1 horse 75, 2 oxen 95, 11 cows 245, 1 carriage 50, personal 465; buildings 550, farm 900, Hunter lot 75, Shaw lot 30, Elliott lot 25, Charles lot 50, Ferry lot 200, Worthington lot 30, real 1,860, total \$2,325.	41 61

No. Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
1	Benjamin M. Sawtell.	.	\$2 00
1	Lewis Sharkey.	.	2 00
1	Joseph Sharkey.	2 horses 50, 6 cows 150, 1 swine 8, personal 208; buildings 200, farm 700, real 900, total \$1,108.	20 87
1	Abner Shaw.	2 cows 50, buildings 200, lot 50, Powers lot 450, wood lot 300, real 1,000, total \$1,050.	19 85
1	George H. Stebbins.	.	2 00
1	Josiah Stebbins.	3 horses 150, 2 oxen 100, 5 cows 100, 2 2-year-olds 30, 3 yearlings 25, 18 sheep 70, 1 swine 10, personal 485; buildings 800, farm 1,700, real 2,500, total \$2,985.	52 83
1	John St. George.	1 horse 25, 4 oxen 150, 8 cows 175, 1 2-year-old 15, 4 yearlings 30, personal 395; buildings 500, farm 600, real 1,100, total, \$1,495.	27 50
1	Joseph St. George.	2 horses 200, 2 oxen 100, 17 cows 425, 4 2-year-olds 60, 4 yearlings 30, personal 815; buildings 900, farm 1,000, Hoar lot 300, real 2,200, total \$3,015.	53 34
1	Francis Siser.	.	2 00
1	Everett Sherman.	.	2 00
1	George A. Stetson.	1 horse 100, 4 cows 100, 1 yearling 10, 2 swine 20, personal 230; buildings 400, farm 350, Grigs lot 100, real 850, total \$1,080.	20 36
1	Otto Shaffer.	.	2 00
2	M. & J. Shandly.	2 horses 100, 2 oxen 100, 22 cows 480, 4 2-year-olds 60, 2 yearlings 15, 2 swine 10, personal 765; buildings 900, farm 1,800, real 2,700, total \$3,465.	62 99
1	George E. Sibley.	1 horse 25, total \$25.	2 51
	Mrs. Braman.	Sibley building 450, farm 400, real 850, exempt 500, total \$350.	5 95
	First Congregational Society.	Building 1,400, lot 150, total \$1,550.	26 35
	Estate of C. E. Stetson.	Buildings 300, lot 25, total \$325.	5 61

No. Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
	Estate of P. F. Spaulding.	Russell lot 200, wood lot 200, Plain lot 350, total \$750.	\$12 75

T

1	Joseph Turner.	2 horses 150, Emerson farm 500, total \$650.	13 05
1	Elijah E. Tarbell.	1 horse 75, 2 cows 50, personal 125; buildings 650, farm 200, Beecy lot 150, real 1,000, total \$1,125.	21 21
1	Michael Traverse.	1 horse 60, 2 oxen 75, 7 cows 140, 3 yearlings 25, personal 300; buildings 250, farm 600, Gleason lot 50, real 900, total \$1,200.	22 40
1	Michael Traverse, Jr.		2 00
1	Francis Traverse.		2 00
1	Charles S. Tarbell.	Tarbell lot 700.	13 90
	Mary A. Tarbell.	Buildings 650.	11 05
1	George Thayer.	1 horse 100, 1 cow 25, 1 yearling 10, 2 swine 10, personal 145; buildings 500, farm 800, real 1,300, total \$1,445.	26 65
1	Alva Thayer.	1 horse 25, 4 cows 90, 2 2-year-olds 30, personal 145; buildings 350, farm 600, real 950, total \$1095	20 70
1	Albert D. Thomas.	1 horse 75, 2 oxen 75, 6 cows 120, 8 2-year-olds 110, 2 yearlings 15, 1 swine 5, personal 400; buildings 450, farm 1,300, real 1,750, total \$2,150.	38 55
1	Albert G. Tarbell.		2 00
1	Thomas Traverse.		2 00

U

1	Leonard Upham.	1 horse 100.	3 70
1	Laurens Upham.	5 horses 275, 2 cows 40, personal 315; land 200, total \$515.	10 84
	Catherine Upham.	Buildings 450, farm 500, total \$950.	16 15
1	George W. Upham.		2 00

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W

1	Charles S. Whiting.	.	\$2 00
1	Oscar D. Wells.	4 horses 150, 18 cows 396, 2 2-year-olds 40, 2 yearlings 15, 1 swine 8, personal 609; buildings 1,100, farm 2,200, real 3,300, total 3,909.	68 40
1	E. B. Webber.	2 horses 150, 9 cows 225, 1 yearling 10, 7 swine 40, personal 425; buildings 900, farm 1,600, real 2,500, total, \$2,925.	51 81
1	J. W. S. Wetherell,	1 horse 25, 3 cows 75, 1 2-year-old 15, personal 125; buildings 300, lot 175, Dix lot 625, real 1,100, total \$1,215.	22 74
1	Emerson Wetherell.	House 100, total \$100.	3 70
1	Felix Wedge.	.	2 00
1	Joseph Wedge.	Buildings 100, farm 300, total \$400.	8 80
1	Geo. L. Williams,	2 horses 150, 5 cows 100, 2 2-year-olds 30, 2 yearlings 20, personal 300; buildings 500, farm 800, real 1,300, total \$1,600.	29 20
1	Albert Woodward.	2 horses 100, 7 cows 160, 2 2-year-olds 30, 3 yearlings 30, personal 320; buildings 350, farm 550, Allen lot 150, real 1,050, total 1,370.	25 29
	Estate of J. L. Woods.	Buildings 300, farm 400 total \$700.	11 90
1	O. W. Williams.	.	2 00
1	Charles D. Wilcox.	.	2 00
1	Lyman Webster.	Buildings 500, lot 100, total 600.	10 20
1	Frank E. Webster.	.	2 00
1	J. P. Webber.	1 horse 50; buildings 1,300, lot 175, real 1,475, total \$1,525.	28 01
1	Geo. G. Williams.	2 oxen 75, 4 cows 90, 1 2-year-old 15, personal 180; buildings 550, farm 500, real 1,050, total \$1,230.	22 91
2	Patrick White.	1 horse 75, 2 oxen 50, 6 cows 120, 1 2-year-old 15, 1 yearling 10, personal 270; buildings 650, farm 800, real 1,450, total \$1,720.	33 24
1	George Whitehouse.	Buildings 1,400, lot 200, Morse lot 200, total \$1,800.	32 60

No. Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax
1	Simon B. Ward.	Buildings 1,100, lot 200, total \$1,300.	\$24 10
	Estate of A. Wheeler.	Cash 4,000, total \$4,000.	68 00
1	James J. Warren.	1 horse 75, 1 carriage 75, personal 150; buildings 1,700, lot 1,200, Wheeler lot 400, real 3,300, total \$3,450.	60 65
	J. J. Warren, trustee.	House 700, lot 150, total \$850.	14 45
	Electa Walker.	Buildings 150, lot 25, total \$175.	3 06

NON-RESIDENTS.

MONSON.

Moulton & Bliss .	Nichols lot 150.	\$2 55
Frank Moulton.	Buildings 400, Parks place 350, total \$750.	12 75
E. A. Aldrich.	Sprout lot 50.	85
William Sirttiff.	Land 600, Marsh lot 450, total \$1,050.	17 85
Charles Carpenter.	Charles lot 450.	7 65
George E. Fuller.	Ferry lot 125, grass lot 125, Lombard lot 125, Converse lot 500, Blanchard lot 500, total \$1,375.	23 46
William Fenton.	Land 175.	3 06
E. Miller.	Land 100.	1 70

PALMER.

Est. Joseph King.	House 75, land 1,400, total \$1,475.	25 16
George Stone.	Fenton lot 200.	3 40
C. L. Alexander & Co.	1 horse 125, 4 oxen 200, total \$325.	5 61
C. L. Alexander.	Buildings 650, brickyard and sawmill and land 3,500, Powers lot 400, total \$4,550.	77 35
John Converse.	Pasture 900.	15 30
George Robinson.	Pasture 500.	8 50
Estate of F. Morgan.	Land 50.	85
Frank Merriam.	House 200, land 300, total \$500.	8 50
Calvin Johnson.	Wood lot 100.	1 70

Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
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WARREN.

A. W. Crossman & Son.	Building 150, Shaw place 350, 1 house 50, Gould place 50, buildings 900, Powers place 900, 1 house 200 Ware place 75, Stow lot 50, Frost place 1,108, Blodgett lot 700, Thayer lot 600, total \$5,125.	\$87 21
Charles Bemis.	Pasture 500.	8 58
Amos Bliss.	Land 350.	5 95
Charles Gleason.	Pasture 500.	8 50
Estate of John Tyler.	Plain lot 225, wood lot 700, total \$925.	15 81
S. N. Gleason.	Land 100.	1 70
J. C. Freeman.	Mountain lot 375, Sprout lot 100, total \$475.	8 16
Parden P. Allen.	Still 100, lot 25, total \$125.	2 21
A. W. Lincoln.	Land 125.	2 21
M. T. Brosnehan.	Blair place 1,500.	25 50
A. W. Bosworth.	Nutting lot 350.	5 95

SPRINGFIELD.

Royal E. Blair.	Wood lot 250.	4 25
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WOONSOCKET, R. I.

Patrick Johnson.	Wood lot 100.	1 70
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NORTH BROOKFIELD.

Thomas McKenny.	Sprout lot 125.	2 21
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BOSTON.

Rebecca Cleverly.	Buildings 300, farm 150; total 450.	7 65
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NORTH STONINGTON, CONN.

F. H. Brown.	Wood lot 2,000.	34 00
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STURBRIDGE.

Fiskale Mill.	Barn 100, Ackhart lot 400, Underwood lot 800, Streeter lot 130, total \$1,430.	24 31
Joseph Hyland.	Land 125.	2 21

Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
Snell Mfg. Co.	Stock 2,500, buildings 6,000 land 600. real 7,200, total 9,700.	\$164 90
S. T. Adams.	Sprout lot 500, swamp lot 175, Sprout lot 500, total \$1,175.	20 06
E. L. Bates.	Tyler lot 450.	7 65
Patrick King.	Land \$150.	2 55
M. Fox.	Wood lot 75.	1 36
John B. Sherden.	House 100, farm 600, total \$700.	11 90
John W. Draper.	Buildings 350, Allen place 450, Ives lot 150, Cunningham place 350, total \$1,300.	22 10
H. King.	Shaw Negro lot 50.	85

HOLLAND.

W. L. Webber.	Meadow 80	1 36
George L. Webber.	Meadow 80	1 36
William Lynn.	Swamp lot 50	85
Mrs. John Glazier.	Swamp lot 50	85
William Wallis.	Land 80, Robbins lot 75, total 155	2 72
James A. Webber.	Meadow 100	1 70
H. G. Switzer.	Pasture 125	2 21
Estate of F. E. Kenny.	Pasture 50	85
Horace Wallis.	Land 500	8 50

SOUTHBRIDGE.

E. Butterworth.	5 horses 375	6 46
Charles E. Lombard.	Wood lot 500	8 50
Hamilton Wooling Co.	Flowage 200	3 40

PHILADELPHIA.

Henry Lewis Northrop.	Lot 300	5 10
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WALES.

John C. Burley.	Buildings 200, Shaw farm 300, total 500,	8 50
Gardner Shaw.	Mountain lot 40, Elliott lot 50, total 90	1 53
Estate of Eli Gardner.	Land 350	5 95
Edward Lee.	Land 50	85
Frank Gardner.	Pasture 300	5 10

Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
Estate of F. C. Smith.	Meadow 175, land 25, Lombard lot 175, total 375.	\$6 46
Royal Nelson.	Buildings 100, farm 450, total \$550.	9 35
Ernest L. Needham.	Dickey place 350, Emerson lot 150, Allen lot 750, total \$1,250.	21 25

INDIAN ORCHARD.

H. K. Wight.	Buildings 100, farm 450, total \$550.	9 35
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BROOKFIELD.

Wm. H. Lombard.	Dimock lot 25.	51
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WORCESTER.

Lewis Sherman.	Plain lot 100.	1 70
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HOLYOKE.

John Calkins.	Buildings 225, farm 300, total \$525.	9 01
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EXEMPT.

Hitchcock Free High School.	Cash 88,998.73, house and land 12,000, total	\$10,998.73
First Congregational Society.	House and land	5,000.00
Advent Society.	House and land	500.00
Town of Brimfield.	10 school houses and land 7,000, town hall and land 6,000, library 1,500, cemetery 500, soldiers monument 1,500, common 500, neatstock 300, town farm 3,500, total,	\$20,800.00

INDIVIDUALS EXEMPT.

Alonzo Allen, soldier.
 Rebecca Bliss, unmarried female.
 Loami Blodgett, old age.
 Royal Cleverly, old age.
 Mary Dunham, widow.
 Elijah Fosket, old age.
 Mrs. Hannon, widow.

Harlow B. Kibbe, soldier.
Mary Stewart, widow.
Abner Stebbins, old age.
Margaret W. Pierce, widow.
Alfred Lombard, old age.
Lizzie Goodale, unmarried female.
John Shaw, old age.
Russell Ferry, sickness.

ASSESSORS' REPORT, 1890.

NUMBER OF RESIDENTS ASSESSED ON PROPERTY.

Individuals	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	232
All others	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Total	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<u>246</u>

NUMBER OF NON-RESIDENTS ASSESSED ON PROPERTY.

Individuals	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	68
All others	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Total	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<hr/>74

Number of persons assessed on property	.	.	320
Number of persons poll tax only	.	.	90
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Total	.	.	410

Number polls assessed	290
Tax on each poll	\$2.00
Value of assessed personal estate	\$69,810.00
Value of assessed real estate—buildings, excluding land	159,325.00
Value of land excluding buildings	196,665.00
Total real	<u>\$355,990.00</u>

Total valuation real and personal, 1890	\$425,80.00
Tax on polls	580.00
Tax on personal estate	1,176.77
Tax on real estate	6,051.83
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Total tax for 1890	\$7,818.60

Rate per 1,000, \$17.00.

Number of horses assessed	249
Number of cows assessed	867
Number of sheep assessed	259
Number neat cattle other than cows	508
Number of swine assessed	138
Number of dwelling houses assessed	240
Number of acres of land assessed	21,100

APPROPRIATIONS, 1890.

Highways	1,400.00
Bridges	150.00
Snowpaths	150.00
Schools	1,350.00
Textbooks and conveyance	150.00
Salaries of school committee	100.00
Schoolhouse repairs	100.00
Paupers	1,300.00
Officers' salaries	500.00
Miscellaneous expenses	700.00
Interest on town debt	160.00
Discount on taxes	300.00
Memorial day	50.00
State aid	50.00
Superintendent of schools	225.00

Total appropriations voted	\$6,685.00
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State tax	437.50
County tax	550.92
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Total	\$7,673.42
Overlayings	135.18
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Total amount raised by taxation	\$7,818.60

SAMUEL W. BROWN,
JOHN SHANLY,
GEO. W. SHERMAN,

Assessors of Brimfield.

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OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 7, 1892.

HOLYOKE, MASS.:
TRANSCRIPT PUBLISHING CO., PRINTERS.
1892.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1891--92.

CLERK,
HENRY F. BROWN.

TREASURER,
GEO. M. HITCHCOCK.

SELECTMEN,
FRANK R. NEWTON, MOSES H. BAKER, ORRIN HICKS.

ASSESSORS,
SAMUEL W. BROWN, JOHN SHANLEY, DAVID W. JANES.

COLLECTOR,
CHENEY NEWTON.

AUDITORS,
OSCAR F. BROWN, CHARLES S. TARBELL.

CONSTABLES,
FRANCIS E. COOK, ORRIN HICKS.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
ROBERT V. SAWIN, JAMES REED BROWN, GEO. H. STREETER.

OVERSEERS OF POOR.
FRANCIS E. COOK, ORUS E. PARKER, PETER W. MOORE.

FENCE VIEWERS,
BENJ. B. FENTON, MOSES H. BAKER, FRANCIS E. COOK.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE,
GEO. M. HITCHCOCK EDWARD W. POTTER, EMORY LIVERMORE.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES,
HENRY F. BROWN, MRS. JOHN H. NOYES, *Term Expires April 20, 1892.*
REV. W. K. PIERCE, BELLE L. BROWN, " " " " 1893.
LOUIS S. BROWN, REBECCA M. LINCOLN, " " " " 1894.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER,
ARTHUR J. DANIELS, THOMAS J. MORGAN, D. WINSLOW FOSKETT,
HORATIO L. CONVERSE, NORMAN S. POWERS.

FIELD DRIVERS,
ALBERT G. TARBELL, HERBERT J. BRADWAY, JOHN A. MARSELL.

SEXTON,
GEO. M. HITCHCOCK.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

APRIL 4, 1892.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
HAMPDEN SS.

To either of the Constables of Brimfield,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of Brimfield, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield, Monday, the fourth day of April next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz.:

ART. 1.—To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2.—To choose all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year; also all committees and agents the business of the Town may require. All officers required by law to be chosen by ballot (except moderator and Town Clerk) must be on one ballot. The polls will be open at half-past ten o'clock a. m., and may be closed at half-past two p. m.

ART. 3.—To hear reports of officers and agents heretofore chosen by the Town, and act thereon.

ART. 4.—To raise money for the support of schools, highways, bridges, payment of Town debts, and to defray expenses for the ensuing year and direct how the same shall be expended.

ART. 5.—To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 6.—To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the current

year; also to borrow money to renew, replace, or pay any existing loan, or loans, or any part thereof.

ART. 7.—To see if the Town will allow a discount on taxes if paid within certain periods, or act thereon.

ART. 8.—To see what disposition the Town will make of its dog fund, or act thereon.

ART. 9.—To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use the means for collecting taxes which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

ART. 10.—To see if the Town will cause to be printed the reports of its officers and agents, or any part of the same.

ART. 11.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any money for State aid.

ART. 12.—To bring in their votes, "Yes" or "No," upon the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?"

ART. 13.—To see what sum of money (if any) the Town will appropriate for Decoration Day.

ART. 14.—To see if the Town will accept the provisions of sections 74, 75, 76 and 77 of chapter 27 of the Public Statutes in relation to Road Commissioners.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, one at the Center Post Office, and by mailing a copy to the Post Office at East Brimfield, and by mailing or otherwise sending a copy to Foscett's Mills and the depot at West Brimfield, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said Brimfield, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

MOSES H. BAKER,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
FRANK R. NEWTON,	
ORRIN HICKS,	
	<i>of</i>
	} <i>Brimfield.</i>

FINANCIAL REPORT.

At the annual meeting held on April 6, and by adjournment on April 20, 1891, the following vote was passed, viz. :

“That so much of the cash in the hands of the Town Treasurer as may be required therefor, be appropriated for the payment of the outstanding bills of last year, the sums not to be charged against the appropriations for the current year. Also so much as may be required to complete the Stebbins road, and the balance for the payment of Town debts, to be paid as soon as may be done without making it necessary to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the current year.”

TOWN DEBTS AND BILLS FOR 1890-91.

Cash in hands of Treasurer, March 2, 1891, \$2,477.75

Appropriations, \$2477.75

PAYMENTS.

Order No.

10	Charles S. Tarbell, bal. of salary	\$ 20.00
17	Asa P. Blodgett, wood for school-house	12.00
21	Henry P. Blodgett, highways	1.80
27	R. V. Sawin, service at alms-house	6.10
29	A. C. Pinney, conveyance of pupils	7.50
8	G. H. Streeter, snow path . . . . .	.45
149	Robinson & Robinson, legal services	80.43
254	C. M. Thompson, conveyance of Wales fire engine at hotel fire	10.00

Palmer Savings Bank, interest	\$ 157.50	
“ “ “ payment on note	1,500.00	
Completion of Stebbins road	571.39	
Balance unexpended	110.58	
	<hr/>	\$2,477.75

EXPENDITURES FOR 1891-2.

HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation	\$1,400.00
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PAYMENTS.

Josiah Stebbins	\$ 24.50	
J. L. Chaffee	861.39	
Henry Blodgett	240.40	
B. W. Charles	2.85	
Repairs of road machine	8.00	
John Shanley	11.05	
G. L. Ayard	21.30	
A. W. Pierson, painting road machine	6.60	
M. H. Baker	2.85	
Edward B. Brown	31.24	
J. A. Marsells	7.05	
Geo. Sherman	1.00	
L. S. Brown	1.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,219.23

FOR RAILINGS.

Orrin Hicks	\$87.75	
David W. Janes	12.75	
	<hr/>	\$100.50
Balance unexpended	80.27	
	<hr/>	\$1,400.00

FOR SUPPORT OF BRIDGES.

Appropriation	\$750.00
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PAYMENTS.

Town of Palmer for Rogers bridge	.	\$	1.25	
B. W. Charles	.		6.35	
Henry Blodgett	.		113.01	
M. H. Baker	.		2.80	
E. L. Needham, plank,	.		33.91	
F. E. Cook, for stone	.		5.00	
J. L. Chaffee	.		233.65	
W. H. Shaw, plank	.		47.94	
Geo. L. Ayard	.		11.11	
T. J. Morgan, plank	.		10.15	
J. W. Lawrence, plank	.		16.00	
D. W. Janes, new bridge	.		250.00	
			<hr/>	\$713.17
Balance unexpended	.		.	18.83
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				\$750.00

SNOW PATHS.

Appropriation	\$ 150.00
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PAYMENTS.

Order No.

2	Josiah Stebbins	.	.	.	\$3.60	
4	J. L. Chaffee	.	.	.	4.18	
19	Henry Blodgett	.	.	.	7.20	
37	B. W. Charles	.	.	.	9.37	
80	G. H. Streeter	.	.	.	1.95	
239	G. L. Ayard	.	.	.	1.42	
240	J. L. Chaffee	.	.	.	5.12	
					<hr/>	\$ 32.84
Balance unexpended	117.16
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						\$150.00

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

APPROPRIATIONS.

For wages of teachers, fuel and care of school-houses	.	.	.	\$1,400.00
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For conveyance of pupils, text books, etc.	\$ 150.00
For services of school committee .	50.00
For salary of superintendent . .	225.00
Income of school fund . . .	331.36
	<hr/> \$2,156.36

Paid for wages of teachers, fuel and care of schoolhouses for the year ending March 7, 1892:

Names of Teachers.	No. of School.	Wages for Summer Term.	Wages for Fall Term.	Wages for Winter Term.	Fuel and Care of Houses.	Total.
Mary P. Foster,	1	\$88.00	\$80.00		\$21.71	\$189.71
Joanna V. Cantwell,	1	77.00	70.00	\$75.60		222.60
Bessie F. Brown,	1			71.40		71.40
Disire M. Carver,	2	77.00			10.75	87.75
Ida R. Ayard,	2		65.00	70.00		135.00
Minnie J. Kernan,	3	68.00	68.00	81.00	24.45	241.45
Katie Shoughrue,	5	66.00	65.00	84.00	16.75	231.75
Fannie D. Traverse,	6	60.50			16.75	77.25
Grace C. Daniels,	6		50.00	60.50		110.50
Ida R. Agard,	7	60.00			17.75	77.75
Fannie D. Traverse,	7		60.00	67.20		127.20
Alice M. Smith,	10	55.00				55.00
Dollié Wright,	10		62.25	74.35	27.25	163.85
		551.50	520.25	584.05	135.41	\$1791.21

FOR CONVEYANCE OF PUPILS.

Order No.

96	C. A. Sweet	\$10.40
108	Orrin Q. Moore	2.50
163	A. Prosper	4.00
202	Geo. Adams	5.00
251	C. A. Sweet	4.40
		<hr/> \$26.30

FOR TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Order No.

47	C. W. Wasson, supplies	.	\$ 3.40	
79	G. H. Streeter, postage	.	.12	
85	Boston School Supply Co., books		39.68	
116	D. C. Heath & Co., books	.	32.68	
133	Louis S. Brown, supplies	.	4.78	
135	Baker & Taylor, books	.	77.62	
146	J. L. Hammett, books	.	40.65	
167	A. J. Daniels, supplies	.	.65	
180	G. H. Streeter, postage	.	.55	
181	J. Reed Brown, supplies	.	4.15	
221	J. L. Hammett, books	.	20.47	
255	Geo. H. Streeter, postage	.	.30	
			————	\$225.05

SALARIES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

79	G. H. Streeter	.	.	.	\$ 7.00	
94	R. V. Sawin	.	.	.	8.33	
104	J. R. Brown	.	.	.	9.00	
180	G. H. Streeter	.	.	.	4.00	
244	J. R. Brown	.	.	.	8.00	
255	G. H. Streeter	.	.	.	3.00	
					————	\$39.33

SALARY OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

16	C. W. Wasson	.	.	.	\$ 18.75	
47	“	“	.	.	18.75	
49	“	“	.	.	18.75	
97	“	“	.	.	37.50	
144	“	“	.	.	56.25	
197	“	“	.	.	37.50	
					————	\$187.50

COMMITTEE'S AGENT.

F. E. Cook	\$8.00	\$ 8.00
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						\$2,277.39
Balance over appropriations	\$ 121.03	

REPAIR OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

Appropriation	\$100.00
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PAYMENTS.

Order No.

26	J. W. Goss, repairing clock, No. 1	\$ 1.00
40	F. F. Marcy, window for No. 10	.75
48	G. H. Streeter, repairs, No. 6 .	1.00
51	Nelson Clapper, repairs, No. 1 .	7.80
109	H. A. Bradway, repairs, No. 3 .	1.10
140	M. J. Dillon, repairs, No. 3 .	7.00
162	G. M. Stowell, repairs, No. 1 .	.75
164	A. W. Pierson, repairs, No. 1 .	1.67
170	Nelson Clapper, repairs, No. 5 .	7.47
172	N. R. Moore, shingles, No. 5 .	19.00
181	J. R. Brown, repairs, Nos. 3, 4, 7 and 10	2.60
191	J. F. Lombard, carting desks .	.50
200	Andrews Mfg. Co., desks .	27.20
217	John E. Farrell, repairs, No. 10	6.24
218	E. A. Rice, pump, No. 1 .	8 00
225	Geo. W. Sherman, repairs, Nos. 7 and 10	3.57
241	H. L. Converse, repairs, No. 5 .	2.48
		<hr/> \$98.13
	Balance unexpended	1.87

\$100.00

OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Appropriation	\$500.00
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PAYMENTS.

SELECTMEN.

Order No.

3	Josiah Stebbins	\$ 5.00
6	Orrin Hicks	5 00
82	“ “	9.00
126	“ “	6.00

Order No.

139	" "	.	.	.	\$ 6.00	
187	" "	.	.	.	6.00	
246	F. R. Newton	.	.	.	42.75	
247	M. H. Baker	.	.	.	37.00	
					————	\$116.75

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

6	Orrin Hicks	.	.	.	\$2.00	
3	Josiah Stebbins	.	.	.	2.00	
15	Oscar F. Brown	.	.	.	2.00	
245	Henry F. Brown	.	.	.	6.00	
246	Frank R. Newton	.	.	.	3.00	
247	Moses H. Baker	.	.	.	4.00	
					————	\$19.00

ASSESSORS.

Order No.

112	Samuel W. Brown	.	.	.	\$ 38.00	
131	John Shanley	.	.	.	39.00	
141	David W. Janes	.	.	.	15.10	
					————	\$ 92.10

JANITOR OF TOWN HOUSE.

E. W. Carder	\$ 99.96
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COLLECTOR OF 1889.

10	Charles S. Tarbell	.	.	.	\$ 20.00
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TOWN CLERK.

245	H. F. Brown, salary	.	.	.	\$ 20.00	
	Marriages, births and deaths	.	.	.	11.40	
					————	\$ 31.40

TOWN TREASURER.

245	H. F. Brown	.	.	.	\$ 2.50
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SEXTON.

Order No.

Geo. M. Hitchcock	.	.	.	\$ 52.00
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CONSTABLE.

234	F. E. Cook	\$ 16.00
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COMMITTEE ON ROGERS BRIDGE.

18	Cheney Newton	\$ 2.00
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LIBRARIAN.

E. W. Carder	\$ 50.00
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ELECTION OFFICERS.

Geo. M. Hitchcock	.	.	\$ 2.00
John Shanley	.	.	2 00
W. A. Janes	.	.	2.00
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			\$ 6.00

AUDITOR.

Geo. M. Hitchcock	.	.	.	\$ 3.00
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				\$510.71

Balance over appropriation	.	\$10.71
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FOR SUPPORT OF POOR AT ALMSHOUSE.

Appropriation	\$1,200.00
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PAYMENTS.

Order No.

7	Cheney Newton, services	.	\$ 1.00
8	J. A. McKinstry, warden	.	33.33
27	R. B. Sawin, medical ser.	.	6.10
38	Louis S. Brown, goods	.	30.31
53	H. L. Converse, goods	.	16.25
53	H. L. Converse, goods	.	22.67

Order No.

75	J. A. McKinstry, warden	.	\$ 100.00
84	H. S. Converse	. . .	27.35
92	R. V. Sawin, medical ser.	.	6.00
100	J. A. McKinstry, cash adv.	.	50.00
105	H. L. Converse, goods	. . .	9.23
110	J. A. McKinstry, warden	.	100.00
111	Louis S. Brown, goods	. . .	25.85
127	Springfield Printing and Binding Co., R. books	. . .	5.50
129	H. L. Converse, goods	. . .	5.51
130	R. V. Sawin, medical ser.	.	13.00
133	L. S. Brown, goods	. . .	8.08
188	L. S. Brown, goods	. . .	12.50
193	J. A. McKinstry, warden	.	100.00
196	H. L. Converse, goods	. . .	11.18
203	R. V. Sawin, medical ser.	.	9.00
233	O. E. Parker, salary	. . .	5.00
235	F. E. Cook, salary	. . .	14.50
137	P. W. Moore, salary	. . .	13.00
238	J. A. McKinstry, warden	.	66.66
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			\$692.02

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF OUTSIDE POOR.

Order No.

25	Northampton state hospital, for Achsa M. Hill	. . .	\$41.79
50	Wells, McClench & Barnes, legal services	. . .	2.00
53	H. B. Kibbee	. . .	4.00
58	H. L. Converse, goods for David Shorkie	. . .	5.00
53	Goods to Mrs. Carroll	. . .	9.00
77	Northampton state hospital, for Achsa M. Hill	. . .	42.25
84	H. L. Converse, goods for Mrs. Carroll	. . .	3 00
87	T. E. Gould, for Mrs Carroll	.	3.40

Order No.

91	J. E. Farrell, for support of W. Hitchcock	\$ 18.00
92	R. V. Sawin, services H. B. Kibbee	1.50
106	H. L. Converse, for Mrs. Carroll	12.58
123	City of Brockton, for Dearth family	20.86
129	H. L. Converse, goods for Mrs. Carroll	9.95
145	Northampton state hospital, for Achsa M. Hill	42.71
154	O. E. Parker, for Dearth and Colgrove cases and expense	24.47
155	F. E. Cook, Dearth and Howard cases	11.91
156	F. E. Cook, Howard case	9.25
157	Edwin Bacon, on Howard case	4.00
158	G. Williams, casket for Howard	15.00
190	A. J. Daniels, goods to Howard family	5.00
195	H. L. Converse, goods for Mrs. Carroll	8.00
198	Northampton state hospital for Achsa M. Hill	42.71
232	E. W. Hitchcock, goods for Mrs. Carroll	18.00
233	O. E. Parker, Hitchcock and Elliot cases	6.00
235	F. E. Cook, services	19.02
236	P. W. Moore, for J. A. Elliot	1.25
242	H. L. Curran, for Mrs. Carroll	5.20
"	" " " " J. A. Elliot	3.53
252	E. Livermore " "	2.50
254	R. V. Sawin, attendance on Howard	60.50

\$452.38

Paid for support of poor at alms-house	\$ 692.02
Balance unexpended	55.60
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	\$1,200.00

FOR MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES.

Appropriation	\$600.00
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PAYMENTS.

Order No.

9	S. W. Brown, Assessors' blanks	\$ 2.75
22	O. P. Allen, magazines for library	3.60
24	Trans. Pub. Co., Town Reports	60.78
30	Orrin Hicks, watching Fenton fire	8.00
32	E. W. Carder, sawing wood .	4.00
33	State aid	29.00
34	State aid	29.00
39	Warren Herald, Collector's warrants	2.50
61	M. H. Baker, team to Palmer .	1.50
82	Orrin Hicks, use of team .	1.00
90	F. E. Cook, mowing cemetery .	15.00
93	R. V. Sawin, mowing common	3.50
95	Warren Herald, tax bills .	2.25
107	J. A. Marsell, lantern globes .	.45
112	S. W. Brown, postage and express	1.00
113	McGregory, work Goodale M'n't.	2.50
115	F. E. Cook, mowing cemetery .	10.00
124	F. E. Gleason, surveying road .	6.00
127	Springfield Printing and Binding Co, record books	10.50
141	David W. Janes, labor on voters' railing	2.00
143	E. W. Carder, shavings	1.00
147	E. A. Buck, oil for Town House	4.42
147	Robinson & Robinson, legal ser.	10.16
150	Jos. Heritage, irons for voters' railing	3.00

Order No.

151	F. F. Marcy, lumber for voters' railing	\$ 2.83
152	Palmer Journal, printing notice	1.00
184	J. A. Marsell, repairs on carriage for Jacob Leno, caused by defect in highway,	3 35
192	J. F. Lombard, carting oil, etc.	1.00
199	Ladd Bros., insurance on School-house No. 1	60.75
201	E. W. Carder, cutting wood for Town House	1.30
205	Town of Wales, tax on wood lot	2.45
219	O. P. Allen, magazines for Library	14.35
220	James Healey, serving papers in criminal cases	36.92
222	Estes & Laurait, books for Library	60.95
224	Frank R. Newton, wood for Town House	4.50.
226	E. W. Carder, cutting wood for Town House	1.25
227	G. L. Ayard, Wood for Town House	3.50
229	L. S. Brown, books for Library	5.25
243	H. L. Converse, mdse. for Town Hall	1.53
245	H. F. Brown, record books, postage, etc.	12.21
246	F. R. Newton, use of team, and postage	7.28
249	State and military aid	355.00
253	Springfield P. and Bindg. Co., binding books for Library	21.95
258	M. Wells Bridge, county tax, 1891	550.92
259	State tax, 1891	375.00
		————— \$1,737.20

FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY.

APPROPRIATION.

Balance unexpended, March 2, 1891	.	\$117.65	
Dog fund, January 23, 1892	.	109.86	
		<hr/>	\$227.51

PAYMENTS.

Order No.			
22	O. P. Allen, for magazines	.	\$3.60
27	Springfield Printing and Bind-		
	ing Co.	.	1.00
219	O. P. Allen, for magazines	.	14.35
222	Estes & Laurait, books	.	60.95
253	Springfield Printing and Bind-		
	ing Co.	.	21.95
	Salary	.	50.00
229	Louis S. Brown, books, etc.	.	5.25
	Balance unexpended	.	70.41
		<hr/>	\$227.51

COST OF STEBBINS ROAD.

Appropriations, 1890-91	.	\$1,100.00	
“ 1891-92	.	277.87	
Rec'd of Sanford Booth	.	150.00	
		<hr/>	\$1,527.87
Payments, 1890-91	.	\$956.48	
“ 1891-92	.	571.39	
		<hr/>	\$1527.87
Total cost to Town for Stebbins road	.	\$1,377.87	
For discount on taxes of 1891	.	.	\$297.70

FOR STATE AND MILITARY AID.

Appropriation	.	\$ 50.00	
Aid repaid by State	.	262.00	
		<hr/>	\$312.00

PAYMENTS.

Order No.

249	Harlow B. Kibbee	.	.	\$36.00
	Aluia E. Sibley	.	.	48.00
	Horace Merritt	.	.	54.00
	Margaret H. Marsh	.	.	48.00
	Elmer W. Carder and wife	.	.	60.00
	James W. Goss	.	.	16.00
	Olive M. Groves	.	.	24.00
	Levi W. Emerson	.	.	40.00
	Alonzo Allen	.	.	15.00
	Mary A. Brownell	.	.	4.00
	Austin N. Moulton and wife	.	.	60.00
				————— \$405.00

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1891-92.

		Appropriations.	Payments.
For Highway repairs	.	\$1,400.00	\$1,319.73
Bridges	.	750.00	713.17
Snow paths	.	150.00	32.84
Schools	\$1,400.00		
Income of School Fund	331.36	1,731.36	1,791.21
For services of School Committee	.	50.00	47.33
Conveyance, text books, etc.	.	150.00	251.35
Salary School Superintendent	.	225.00	187.50
Schoolhouse repairs	.	100.00	98.13
Paupers	.	1,200.00	1,144.40
Officers salaries	.	500.00	510.71
Town debt and interest	.	160.00	
Discount on taxes	.	300.00	297.70
Miscellaneous expenses	.	600.00	1,737.20
Memorial Day	.	50.00	
State aid by tax	\$ 50.00		
Repaid by State	262.00	312.00	405.00
Balance over appropriations	.	857.91	
		—————	—————
		\$8,536.27	\$8,536.27

ESTIMATE FOR YEAR, TO MARCH, 1893

For Highways,	\$1,400.00
Bridges	150.00
Snow paths	100.00
Schools	1,400.00
Conveyance, text books, etc. .	200.00
Service of School Committee .	50.00
Salary of School Superintendent .	225.00
Schoolhouse repairs . .	150.00
Support of poor	1,200.00
Officers' salaries	500.00
Town debt and interest . .	100.00
State and Military Aid . .	75.00
Discount on taxes	300.00
Miscellaneous expenses . .	700.00
Memorial Day	100.00
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	\$6,625.00

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

CHENEY NEWTON, Collector, for 1890.

1891.	Dr.		
March 2.	To balance of tax, uncollected	.	\$ 884.68
1892.	Cr.		
March 7.	By paid Town Treasurer	.	\$863.00
	Balance uncollected	.	21.68
		—	\$ 884.68

CHENEY NEWTON, Collector, for 1891.

	Dr.		
	To town tax	.	\$7,684.92
1892.	Cr.		
March 7.	By amount paid to Town		
	Treasurer to date	.	\$6,816.26
	Balance uncollected	.	868.66
		—	\$7,684.92

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMS- HOUSE.

1892.			
Feb. 25.	One horse	.	\$150.00
	One horse	.	25.00
	Eight cows	.	200.00
	Three farrow cows	.	50.00
	One bull	.	18.00
	Three yearlings	.	25.00

Two shoats . . .	\$ 15.00	
Thirty farm fowls . .	15.00	
	<hr/>	\$498.00
Ten tons English hay .	\$150.00	
Thirteen tons meadow hay .	65.00	
Straw and corn stover	1.00	
Forty-five bushels corn on ear	16.00	
Eight bushels cob meal .	3.50	
Four bushels rye . . .	3.60	
Six bushels buckwheat .	3.00	
Two bushels sweet corn .	1.50	
	<hr/>	\$243.60
Farming tools, wood, etc. .	\$ 380.25	
Proisvions	140.40	
Household furniture . . .	301.50	
	<hr/>	\$822.15
Inventory March 1, 1891. . .	\$1,579.70	
Loss on inventory	15.95	
	<hr/>	\$1,563.75

FARM PRODUCTS IN 1891.

English hay	14 tons
Meadow hay	12 “
Corn stover	4 “
Corn fodder	10 “
Rye straw	$\frac{1}{2}$ “
Rye	10 bush.
Buckwheat	12 “
Potatoes	160 “
Corn	100 “
Beets	5 “
Parsnips	2 “
Apples	5 bbl.
Peas	4 bush.
Squash	200 lbs.
Cabbage	100 heads
Pears	2 bush.
Sweet corn	10 “

Pork	.	.	.	.	.	.	1663 lbs.
Beef	.	.	.	.	.	.	1000 "
Veal	.	.	.	.	.	.	100 "
Butter	.	.	.	.	.	.	20 "
Cider	.	.	.	.	.	.	156 gals.
Eggs	.	.	.	.	.	.	259 doz.
String beans	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 bush.
Shelled beans	.	.	.	.	.	.	1 "
Cucumbers	.	.	.	.	.	.	5 "
Cream sold	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$327.62

PAYMENTS FOR LABOR.

1891.

Mch.	4.	Mrs. Ellen Pratt, labor	.	\$	1.00
"	30.	Daniel Harding, labor	.		2.50
April	4.	D. Leno, chopping	.		8.35
"	30.	Morris Moore	.		2.00
May	18.	Morris Moore	.		2.00
"	30.	Mrs. Stowell	.		1.40
June	4.	Morris Moore	.		1.00
July	16.	James Moore	.		12.00
"	"	George Moore	.		5.50
"	"	Felix Wedge & Son	.		37.00
Sept.	25.	Mrs. Reynolds	.		12.00
"	30.	Pat. White, butchering	.		1.50
Nov.	12.	O. F. Brown, making cider			2.34
Dec.	4.	Mrs. Stowell	.		.25

1892.

Feb.	2.	Mrs. Stowell	.	.60	
"	8.	John Dardaby, labor	.	9.60	
				<hr/>	\$ 99.04
		J. A. McKinstry, warden.	.	.	400.00
				<hr/>	\$499.04

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
TOWN OF BRIMFIELD.

DR.

1891.			
Mch. 1.	To farm as appraised	.	\$4,000.00
	Neat stock	. . .	616.50
	Hay and grain	. . .	266.10
	Farming tools and wood	. . .	291.05
	Provisions	. . .	108.20
	Household furniture	. . .	297.85
	Int. on above at 4 per cent.		223.18
	Orders paid for Almshouse		683.03
	Orders paid for outside		
	poor	. . . . .	447.38
	Salaries of Overseers of		
	Poor at Almshouse	. . . . .	32.50
	Salaries of Overseers of		
	Poor outside of Alms-		
	house	32.75
	Due City of Boston for		
	Dearth family, estimated		5.00
		—————	\$7,003.54

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1892.			
Feb. 25.	By Farm as appraised	.	\$4,000.00
	Neat stock	. . .	498.00
	Hay and grain	. . .	242.60
	Farming tools and wood		380.25
	Provisions	. . .	140.40
	Household furniture	. . .	301.50
	Rec'd from North Brook-		
	field for support of Har-		
	low B. Kibbe	. . . . .	5.00
	Rec'd from the town of		
	Milford for sickness and		
	burial of Lewis A. How-		
	ard	. . . . .	98.75

Due from F. W. Fenton	\$	8.00	
Cash on hand		49.03	
Balance amount cost to support the poor		1,279.01	
		<hr/>	\$7,003.54
From amount it has cost to support the			
poor		\$1,279.01	
Deduct the expense for those outside the			
Almshouse		447.38	
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And the cost of those at the Almshouse is			\$831.63

Average number inmates at Almshouse, 9 1-13.

Number of weeks board of inmates, 472.

Board of 392 tramps, estimated at 3-4 day each, 42 weeks.

Total number of weeks board furnished at Almshouse, 514.

Cost of each week's board at Almshouse, \$1.61.8.

SANFORD BOOTH,
JAMES NOYES.

Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GEO. M. HITCHCOCK in account with the Town
of Brimfield:

DR.

1891.		
March 2.	To Cash on hand . . .	\$2,477.75
“ 10.	Cash of J. L. Chaffee for old plank . . .	1.00
“ 16.	Cash of State Treasurer, Corporation Tax . . .	234.46
“ 31.	Cash of Cheney Newton on tax of 1890 . . .	110.00
April 6.	Cash of Second Congrega- tional church, by G. M. Hitchcock . . .	125.00
“ 7.	Cash of Cheney Newton on tax of 1890 . . .	110.00
“ 28.	Cash of C. E. Tarbell, bal- ance of tax of 1889 . . .	166.95
Sept. 24.	Cash of Cheney Newton on tax of 1890 . . .	643 00
June 27.	Cash of North Brookfield, aid for H. B. Kibbee . . .	5.50
Aug. 8.	Cash of State for support of School Superintendent . . .	105 00
Nov. 20.	Cash of N. S. Hubbard for drain pipe . . .	2.20
Dec. 10.	Cash of State Treasurer, Corporation Tax . . .	321.98

Dec. 10.	Cash of State Treasurer, Bank Tax . . .	\$ 112.84
"	Cash of State Treasurer, Military Aid . . .	67.00
"	Cash of State Treasurer, State Aid . . .	195.00
1892.		
Jan. 4.	Cash of Sanford Booth, amt. he agreed to pay towards cost of Stebbins road . .	150.00
" 9.	Cash of Town of Milford, for bills contracted at sickness and death of Lew- is A. Howard . . .	98.75
" 23.	Cash of County Treasurer, Dog Fund . . .	109.86
" 25.	Cash of State Treasurer, School Fund . . .	331.36
Mch. 7.	Cash for use of Town Hall	44.00
"	Cash for Town Histories sold . . .	10.00
"	Cash of Cheney Newton on tax of 1891 . . .	6,816.26
		————— \$12,237.91

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1892.		
Mch. 7.	By paid orders as follows, viz.:	
	For highway repairs . . .	\$1,271.68
	Bridges . . .	731.17
	Snow paths . . .	32.84
	Schools . . .	2,277.39
	Schoolhouse repairs . . .	98.13
	Paupers . . .	1,144.40
	Salary of officers . . .	507.71
	Miscellaneous expenses . . .	540.21
	State and Military Aid . . .	405.00
	County tax . . .	550.92

State tax	.	.	\$	375.00
Paid on Stebbins road	.			571.39
Town debt and interest				1,657.50
Balance in Treasurer's hands	.	.	.	2,074.57
				————— \$12,237.91

The undersigned, having examined the foregoing accounts and the vouchers therefor, find them correct.

OSCAR F. BROWN,
CHAS. S. TARBELL,
Auditors.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

1892.

ASSETS.

Mch. 7.	Cash in the hands of the Treasurer	.	.	\$2,074.57
	Due from the State for aid to soldiers	.	.	273.00
	Second Cong. Society	.		125.00
	Tax of 1890	.	.	21.68
	“ 1891	.	.	868.66
	Town of Warren for schooling	.	.	20.00
	Town of Palmer for schooling	.	.	20.00
	Balance of liabilities over assets	.	.	951.73
				————— \$2,280.07

1892.

LIABILITIES.

Mch. 7.	Due Palmer Savings Bank, note and interest	.	.	\$2,021.61
	Norman S. Powers, land damage	.	.	75.00
	Goodale Cemetery fund	.		50.00

Cheney Newton, on taxes of 1891	\$ 40.00	
Northampton Lunatic Hos- pital	28.46	
C. W. Wasson, balance of salary	37.50	
Geo. M. Hitchcock, Treas.	27.50	
	<hr/>	\$2,280.07

HARRIET ALLEN FUND.

Principal in Springfield Institution for Savings	\$216.20	
Dividends to Jan. 1, 1892	8.72	
	<hr/>	\$224.92

GEO. M. HITCHCOCK, Treasurer.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

INSURANCE ON TOWN PROPERTY.

Expires.	Name of Company	Property.	Amount.	
Oct. 17, 1893	Royal of Liverpool	Town House	\$1,650	
Oct. 17, 1893	Royal of Liverpool	Furniture, etc.	850	
Oct. 17, 1893	Hartford	Town House	1,650	
Oct. 17, 1893	Hartford	Furniture, etc.	850	
March 22, 1894	Ins. Co. of North America	Town House	2,000	
				<hr/> \$7,000
Jan. 20, 1896	Ætna of Hartford	Public Library		1,500
April 25, 1893	Quincy Mutual	Almshouse	\$1,700	
Feb. 1, 1894	Ætna of Hartford	Almshouse	700	
Feb. 1, 1894	Ætna of Hartford	Furniture	400	
Feb. 1, 1894	Ætna of Hartford	Ice house	100	
July 15, 1894	Ætna of Hartford	Almshouse barn	1,800	
Dec. 1, 1894	Phoenix of Brooklyn	Hog house	100	
Dec. 1, 1894	Phoenix of Brooklyn	Hay, grain, tools	400	
Dec. 1, 1894	Phoenix of Brooklyn	Live stock	500	
				<hr/> \$5,700
Dec. 1, 1896	Ætna of Hartford	Schoolhouse No. 1	\$2,700	
Aug. 8, 1894	Ætna of Hartford	Schoolhouse No. 2	1,000	
				<hr/> \$3,700
				<hr/> \$17,900

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD.

Date.	Bridegroom.	Residence.	Bride.	Residence.
1891.				
April 2	John H. Noyes	Towanda, Pa,	Mary Lizzie Ward	Brimfield
June 3	Arthur O. Anoney	Warren	Nellie Russell	Brimfield
July 4	Geo. W. Powers	Brimfield	Kate A. Aldrich	W. Northfield
July 17	William J. Easton	Hartford, Ct.	Orpha M. Brown	Brimfield
Sept. 10	George H. Stebbins	Brimfield	Nellie J. Stebbins	Brimfield
Oct. 16	Thomas J. Dwyer	Palmer	Sarah M. Shanley	Brimfield

BIRTHS RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1891.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child.	Sex.	Names of Parents.
1891.			
Feb. 2	Leroy Dunham	M.	Minnie Dunham
Feb. 26	William Harnois	M.	Joseph and Arnette Harnois

Date of Birth.	Name of Child.	Sex.	Names of Parents.
1891.			
April 22	Joseph A. Harnois	M.	Louis and Rosanna Harnois
June 6	Philip Arnold Marsell	M.	John A. and Estelle F. Marsell
July 7	Blanche Merrill	F.	Nathaniel P. and Lizzie M. Merrill
Aug. 27	Arthur F. Hitchcock	M.	Frank G. and Ida F. Hitchcock
Sept. 17	Edmund S. Parker	M.	Orus E. and Eva H. Parker
Nov. 5	—— Conoghon	F.	John and Mary A. Conoghon
Nov. 9	Emma Belle Brown	F.	Edward B. and Mary A. Brown
Nov. 30	Mildred Dora Farrell	F.	John E. and Dora E. Farrell

DEATHS RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1891.

Date of Death.	Name.	Cause of Death.	Age.		
			Yrs.	Mos.	Days.
Jan. 5.	George F. Tucker	Apoplexy	72	8	18
Feb. 1.	Delia (Bliss) Rice	Paralysis	82	6	13
" 1.	Adaline (Frost) Fuller	Heart disease	82	2	5
" 3.	Jonathan Emerson	Bright's disease	79	6	6
Mch. 3.	Charles A. Brown	Bright's disease	65	1	—
April 3.	Ellen Brown	Consumption	40	9	3
" 11.	Sarah C. Wicks	Neuralgia of Heart	53	2	12
May 3.	Abner Shaw	Heart disease	72	8	20
" 23.	Louisa (Merrill) Brown	Cancer	60	—	5
" 24.	James Harvey	Paralysis	71	—	5
June 8.	George Bacon	Paralysis	84	—	16
" 18.	Lizzie E. Janes	Gangrene	17	6	25
July 9.	Loriena Pero	Inflammatory diarrhoea	—	5	1
Aug. 2.	Rosa McIntyre	Cancer of stomach	42	—	—
" 14.	Sarah G. (Nelson) Fay	Malignant jaundice	35	—	15
Sept. 7.	Ellis C. Hicks	Heart disease	25	9	3
Oct. 26.	Mary A. Champanx	Eusophalite	—	7	1
Nov. 5.	—— Conoghon	Stillborn	—	—	—
" 8.	Lewis A. Howard	Cancer	38	—	—
Dec. 7.	Rufus Foskett	Inflammation of stomach	78	9	28

PERSONS BROUGHT HERE FROM OTHER PLACES FOR BURIAL.

1891.

Date of Death.	Name.	Place of Death.	Age.		
			Yrs.	Mos.	Days.
Jan. 3.	Charlotte H. Butterfield	Brooklyn, N. Y.	65	7	—
" 16.	Emeline H. Fay	Holland, Mass.	67	—	—
" 10.	Warren C. Bliss	Jefferson, Ill.	30	—	—
May 13.	John Oscar Works	Tolland, Ct.	38	—	—
	Frank G. Webber	Drowned off Milford, Ct.	42	—	—
June 19.	Child of William Bennett	Boston	—	—	26
" 21.	Sarah Luella Moulton	Sturbridge	41	2	10
Aug. 21.	Edgar H. Moulton	Sturbridge	—	3	21
Sept. 16.	Nehemiah Parker	Monson	88	11	4

HENRY F. BROWN,
Town Clerk.

SCHOOL REPORT.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

To the School Committee:

GENTLEMEN:—In submitting this second annual report of the Brimfield schools, let it be remarked at first, that tables of enrollment, attendance, etc., compiled from the school registers, will appear on later pages, and that financial statistics, as usual, will be found in the reports of other town officers.

BUILDINGS.

Your attention to repairs at No. 3—West Brick—in accord with recommendations heretofore made, has rendered the school house comfortably serviceable.

Accessions of desks to No. 6—Northeast—from the non-used seats at Little Rest, have provided for the large attendance at that school.

Incidental repairs to other schoolhouses, including a new roof at No. 5—Tower Hill—have carried the buildings through the year in their usual condition.

REPAIRS.

For the coming year, in connection with the necessary repairs upon foundations, siding, etc., of Nos. 7 and 10—Dunhamtown and West Brimfield—permit me to remark as in a previous report, that therein seats still remain which were provided in former days when older and larger students filled the rooms. Now smaller pupils mostly compose the schools, and the seats or desks from size and also wear during intervening years are

entirely inadequate for present requirements in hygienic conditions of erect posture, or correct position in writing, study or desk occupations.

With the above remark, I desire to include a portion of the primary room in No. 1—Centre school—and recommend to your consideration the advisability of asking for an appropriation sufficient to replace in each school a few desks referred to, by smaller and suitably formed furniture; those not displaced remaining to use for larger attendance, visitation days, etc., the whole at an expense not exceeding a hundred dollars (\$100).

In making the foregoing recommendation, the fact of placing new and modern furniture by the side of old desks in a school room is not forgotten, and any suggestions based upon an æsthetic view of the case seem to be outweighed by considerations of experience, urgent needs and practical economy; nor does the recommendation prevent replacing the rest at some later day, nor add to the cost of so doing.

TEACHERS' DESKS.

These in Nos. 1—Intermediate room—5, 6 and 7 are common small tables or stands—not teachers' desks at all—and are insufficient in capacity for preservation of specimens of pupils' work, examination papers, question lists, reports, etc., etc, and for the general purposes for which teachers' desks are provided.

I must therefore recommend your consideration of an appropriation to meet this need and thus provide material aid to the efficiency of the schools.

ATTENDANCE.

The attendance as it began at the opening of the schools in September gave promise of being the most useful of recent school years. But, alas, upon the advent of "la grippe" in December all expectations were ruthlessly thrust aside, and many of the schools have suffered since then, breaks of attendance and interruptions in continuance to a degree unparalleled in their history.

The unprecedented prevalence of the epidemic operated to nullify for the most part, the advances that had been made on the line of more correct classification and gradation. This loss, however, is only temporary and will be recovered upon return of full and steady attendance.

SCHOOLS.

The continuing of school in the West Brimfield district for the winter term has been a marked gain, fully justifying its request.

The enrollment—14—exceeds expectations, and, fortunately, the school was interfered with as little as any by the winter's sickness.

The results may be summarized by saying that a good steady school has been maintained there and the educational advantages well appreciated.

Considering the hindrances from enforced absences, good work, in the main, has been done in all the schools with results all that should be expected.

The use of a second set of Readers—as against one set heretofore—has been indispensable in advancing the effectiveness in teaching reading. A few slight changes can soon be made advantageously in text books and course of study, but for the past year the schools have continued steadily and usefully upon well chosen lines.

The supplies have in general been equal to requirements and have been issued monthly on approval of the superintendent.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS

Have been regularly held once a month, except as prevented by sickness. Methods and topics of a professional nature have been carefully examined for instruction useful to the teachers—in several instances exemplified by classes and samples of pupils' work from the schools.

In order to make the meetings of permanent value a printed

syllabus was issued in each case; a personal consideration of the superintendent.

I desire to express a grateful sense of appreciation of the faithful efforts of the teachers, to whose earnest work should be largely credited the good standing of the schools; and also, expressions of appreciation are due to the patrons and friends, for kindly aiding the attendance and for considerateness in viewing any short-comings on the part of the schools; and I thank you, gentlemen, for kindnesses during the work of the year.

Very respectfully offered,

CHARLES W. WASSON.

Brimfield, March 7, 1892.

ENROLLMENT, MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE, ETC., 1891-92.

No. of School.	NAME OF SCHOOL.	No. enrolled.	No. over fifteen yrs.	No. under five yrs.	No. between eight and fourteen years.	AVERAGE TERM. MEMBERSHIP.			AVERAGE TERM ATTENDANCE.			No. of days absent.	No. of times tardy.	No. of visits by Superintendent.
						Spring.	Fall.	Winter.	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.			
1	{ Intermediate Primary East Brimfield West Brick Tower Hill North East Dunhamtown West Brimfield	17			15	14.66	17.66	17.66	14	16.58	15.66	439	76	13
2		28			20	22.66	17.66	16.69	21.66	16	16.33	428	83	15
3		21			12	15	16	13.33	14	14	11.66	537	84	7
5		10		1	4	8.66	7.66	7.5	7.8	7.58	6.34	336	52	15
6		14			12	13.5	11.5	11.66	12	11.5	11	114	34	7
7		18			13	19.66	17	13	14.66	15.33	10.6	460	161	9
10		20		2	13	16	16.3	14.6	13.66	14.33	10.66	572	96	6
		19		2	12	11.66	12	14.33	10.66	12	12.66	232	128	10
	Total.	147		5	101							3118	714	82

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

At the time of writing this report, the items necessary for a complete statement of the school expenses for the year have not been collected, therefore we refer you to the Financial Report of the Town. It is quite certain, however, that the appropriation for supplies for schools, including books, slates, pencils, paper, maps, etc., has been over-run, while those for repairs and salaries have a small sum remaining in the treasury.

We have made as few repairs as possible, but think it advisable to make more another year. One side of the roof of School-house No. 5 has been shingled; at No. 3 the chimney rebuilt and the room partially new seated, also some slight repairs have been made on most of the other school buildings. At No. 10 the brick underpinning is considerably broken away, and at No. 7 a large part of the same needs to be rebuilt, also both of the houses need painting. As regards other repairs or changes, you are referred to the Report of the Superintendent.

If these suggestions are carried out, we shall need more funds at our disposal than were appropriated last year. Some of these repairs must be made soon in order that the property may be preserved from decay. As your servants, we await your orders.

Before closing, we wish to remind you of the fact that a large amount of money and time is thrown away in our schools by the irregularity in attendance, over three thousand days of absence from school the past year, besides more than seven hundred cases of tardiness. There has been some excuse the last winter on account of sickness, but many scholars are out day after day with no real reason to give, (perhaps to go for a visit or do some simple thing at home); not realizing they are losing time that can never be regained, yet are ever inquiring when they will be promoted—their answer, *never*. Will parents and friends consider this matter and try in future to remedy this evil.

The school terms will begin April 18, August 29, November 28.

R. V. SAWIN, Chairman,
GEORGE H. STREETER,
J. R. BROWN,

School Committee.

ASSESSORS' REPORT, 1891.

NUMBER OF RESIDENTS ASSESSED ON PROPERTY.

Individuals	.	.	.	.	.	224
All others	.	.	.	.	.	8
Total	.	.	.	.	.	<u>232</u>

NUMBER OF NON-RESIDENTS ASSESSED ON PROPERTY.

Individuals	.	.	.	.	.	66
All others	.	.	.	.	.	6
Total	.	.	.	.	.	<u>72</u>

Number of persons assessed on property	.	304
Number of persons poll tax only	.	78
Total	.	<u>382</u>

Number of polls assessed 270

Tax on each poll	.	.	.	.	.	\$2.00
Value of assessed personal estate	.	.	.	.	.	\$ 61,460.00
Value of buildings, excluding land	.	.	.	.	.	151,470.00
Value of land, excluding buildings	.	.	.	.	.	195,580.00
Total real	.	.	.	.	.	<u>\$347,050.00</u>

Total valuation, real and personal, 1891 . \$408,510.00

Tax on polls	.	.	.	.	.	\$ 540.00
Tax on personal estate	.	.	.	.	.	1,075.55
Tax on real estate	.	.	.	.	.	6,073.37
Total tax for 1891	.	.	.	.	.	<u>\$7,688.92</u>

Rate per \$1000, \$17.50.

Number of horses assessed	.	.	.	240
Number of cows assessed	.	.	.	765
Number of sheep assessed	.	.	.	245

Number of neat cattle other than cows	460
Number of swine assessed	71
Number of dwelling houses assessed	223
Number of acres of land assessed	21,175

APPROPRIATIONS, 1891.

Decoration Day	\$ 50.00
State aid	50.00
Highways	1,400.00
Bridges	300.00
Snow paths	150.00
Schools	1,400.00
Conveyance and text books	150.00
Salaries of school committee	50.00
Salary of school superintendent	225.00
School house repairs	100.00
Paupers	1,200.00
Salaries of officers	500.00
Town debt and interest	160.00
Discount on taxes	300.00
Miscellaneous purposes	600.00
Total appropriations voted	<hr/> \$6,635.00
State tax	375.00
County tax	550.92
Total	<hr/> \$7,560.92
Overlayings	128.00
Total amount raised by taxation	<hr/> \$7,688.92

SAMUEL W. BROWN,
JOHN SHANLEY,

Assessors of Brimfield.

REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF BRIMFIELD,
FOR THE
Year Ending March 6, 1893.



PALMER, MASS.:
PRESS OF C. B. FISKE & CO.
1893.

At the annual meeting of the voters of Brimfield, held April 4, 1892, *voted*, on motion of F. D. Lincoln :

WHEREAS : Henry F. Brown has served the town as its Clerk for thirty-four years, and has also held other important positions in the interest of the town for nearly fifty years, and in all said positions has done his duty faithfully and well, and

WHEREAS : Bodily infirmity compels him to withhold any farther attempt to serve the town. Therefore

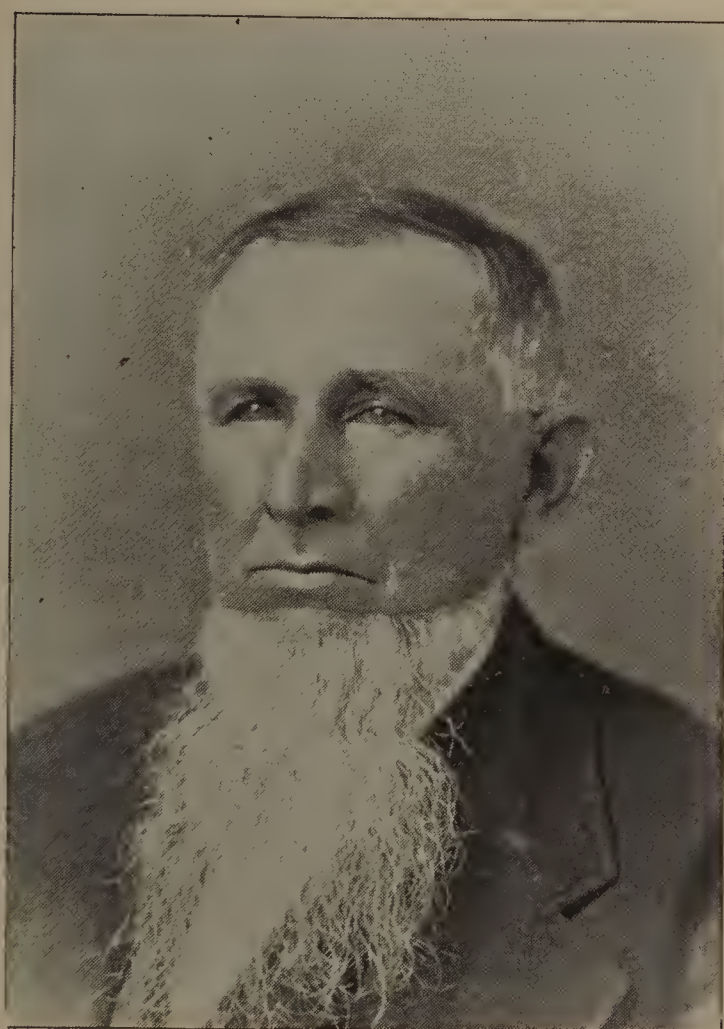
Resolved, That the sympathy of the town be hereby extended to Mr. Brown and his family in their affliction, and that the town tender its thanks to Mr. Brown for his long and faithful service.

I move that the foregoing preamble and resolves be entered on our Records, and that the Town Clerk be requested to furnish Mr. Brown a copy of the same.

Also that the foregoing preamble and resolves be printed in the Town Report for the current year.

Recorded by

GEO. M. HITCHCOCK, *Town Clerk.*



Assessors' Report, 1893.

Number of persons assessed on property :—

Individuals,	224
All others,	8

Total,	232
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Number of non-residents assessed on property :—

Individuals,	69
All others,	4

Total,	73
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Number of persons assessed on property,	305
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“ “ “ “ poll tax only,	89
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Total,	394
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Number of polls assessed,	277
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Tax on each poll, \$2.00.

Value of assessed personal estate,	\$61,712.00
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Value of buildings, excluding land,	\$154,305.00
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Value of land, excluding buildings,	195,383.00
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Total real,	\$349,688.00
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Total valuation, real and personal,	\$411,400.00
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Tax on polls,	\$ 554.00
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Tax on personal estate,	1,023.63
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Tax on real estate,	5,774.31
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Total tax,	\$7,351.94
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Rate per \$1,000, \$16.50.

Number of horses assessed,	\$258
Number of cows	"	.	.	.	866
Number of sheep	"	.	.	.	235
Number of neat cattle other than cows assessed,	.	.	.	.	371
Number of swine assessed,	.	.	.	.	82
Number of dwelling houses assessed,	.	.	.	.	230
Number of acres of land assessed,	.	.	.	.	20,649 7-12

APPROPRIATIONS, 1892.

For highways,	.	.	.	.	\$1,400.00
Bridges,	.	.	.	.	150.00
Snow paths,	.	.	.	.	100.00
Schools,	.	.	.	.	1,400.00
Conveyance, text books, etc.,	.	.	.	.	200.00
Services of School Committee,	.	.	.	.	50.00
Salary of School Superintendent,	.	.	.	.	225.00
School house repairs,	.	.	.	.	150.00
Support of poor,	.	.	.	.	1,100.00
Officers' salaries,	.	.	.	.	500.00
Town debt and interest,	.	.	.	.	100.00
Military aid,	.	.	.	.	75.00
Discount on taxes,	.	.	.	.	300.00
Miscellaneous purposes,	.	.	.	.	500.00
Decoration Day,	.	.	.	.	50.00
Total,	.	.	.	.	\$6,300.00
State tax,	.	.	.	.	\$350.00
County tax,	.	.	.	.	480.00
Total,	.	.	.	.	\$7,130.00
Overlayings,	.	.	.	.	212.10
Total amount raised by taxation,	.	.	.	.	\$7,342.10

OSCAR F. BROWN, }
 SANFORD BOOTH, } *Assessors*
 WILLIAM A. JANES, } *of*
Brimfield.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

TOWN DEBT AND BILLS FOR 1891.

Order No.

1.	Cheney Newton, collecting tax of 1890,	\$ 20.00
3.	Orrin Hicks, services as selectman, .	2.00
6.	G. M. Hitchcock, services as sexton,	18.50
	G. M. Hitchcock, services as Treas- urer,	30.00
	G. M. Hitchcock, postage and ex- press,	1.80
7.	E. B. Wicks, conveyance of pupils, .	10.75
10.	A. C. Pinney, " " .	11.40
11.	H. W. Booth, care of schoolhouse No. 7,	3.00
14.	F. R. Newton, services as selectman,	2.00
15.	M. H. Baker, services as selectman, .	2.00
26.	Laura Kenney, care of schoolhouse No. 6,	2.75
27.	Northampton Lunatic Hospital, for support of Achsa Hill,	26.00
28.	Clifton L. Gould, police officer at No- vember election,	2.00
31.	R. V. Sawin, services as school com- mittee,	8.85
32.	R. V. Sawin, returning births, .	1.00
42.	D. W. Janes, services as Assessor, .	1.00
63.	Orrin Q. Moore, conveyance of pupils,	5.00
105.	C. W. Wasson, balance of salary su- perintendent of schools,	41.40

Order No.

146.	John Royce, conveyance of pupils, .	\$10.00	
243.	T. J. Morgan, committee on Stebbins roads,	3.00	
190.	Cheney Newton, Collector of 1891, .	40.00	
		<u> </u>	\$241.95

EXPENDITURES FOR 1892-3.

HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation,	\$1,400.00
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PAYMENTS.

Orders paid B. W. Charles,	\$375.90	
A. D. Thomas,	496.98	
Orrin Hicks,	\$359.99	
F. R. Newton,	100.81	460.80
	<u> </u>	
Total,	\$1,333.68	
Balance unexpended,	65.32	
	<u> </u>	\$1,400.00

FOR SUPPORT OF BRIDGES.

Appropriation,	\$150.00
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PAYMENTS.

Orders paid B. W. Charles,		
A. D. Thomas,	\$ 77.57	
Orrin Hicks,	4.75	
F. R. Newton,	48.15	52.90
	<u> </u>	
Total,	\$130.47	
Balance unexpended,	19.53	
	<u> </u>	\$150.00

SNOW PATHS.

Appropriation, . . . \$100.00

PAYMENTS.

F. R. Newton,	.	.	.	.	\$173.88	
A. D. Thomas,	.	.	.	.	140.67	
B. W. Charles,	.	.	.	.	119.23	
					-----	\$433.78

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

APPROPRIATIONS.

For wages of teachers and care of houses,	.	\$1,400.00	
Income of Massachusetts School Fund,	.	387.20	
		-----	\$1,787.20

Paid for wages of teachers, fuel and care of houses for year ending March 6, 1893.

<i>Name of Teacher.</i>	<i>No. of School.</i>	<i>Wages for Summer Term.</i>	<i>Wages for Fall Term.</i>	<i>Wages for Winter Term.</i>	<i>Fuel and Care of Houses.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Fannie B. Gates	1	\$70.00			\$47.76	\$117.76
Bessie F. Brown.....	1	70.00	\$70.00	\$82.50		222.50
Carrie M. Smith.....	1		70.00	77.00		147.00
Ida R. Agard.....	2	65.00			27.05	92.05
Cora B. Janes.....	2		65.00			65.00
Minnie Stock.....	2			77.00		77.00
Mabel L. Stebbins.....	3	55.00			26.00	81.00
Ida R. Agard	3		65.00			65.00
Flora N. Agard	5	50.00			28.40	78.40
Stanley W. Plimpton	5		55.00			55.00
Arthur E. Ormes.....	5			72.00		72.00
Grace C. Daniels.....	6	65.00			22.00	87.00
Annabella Carruthers.....	6		52.00			52.00
George H. Streeter.....	6			84.00		84.00
Fannie D. Traverse.....	7	60.00	65.00		30.00	155.00
Minnie J. Kernan.....	10	65.00	65.00	84.00	32.00	246.00
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		\$500.00	\$507.00	\$476.50	\$213.21	\$1,696.71
Balance unexpended.....						90.49

SALARY OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

Appropriation,	.	.	.	\$225.00
Paid Clara A. Wood for one year's services as superintendent,	.	.	.	\$225.00
Amount paid by State for support of school superintendent,	.	.	.	\$134.61
Amount it has cost the town for school superintendent,	.	.	.	80.39

				\$225.00

SERVICES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Appropriation,	.	.	.	\$50.00
Order No.				
80. G. H. Streeter,	.	.	.	\$ 4.00
116. R. V. Sawin,	.	.	.	8.33
143. J. R. Brown,	.	.	.	4.00
189. Geo. H. Streeter,	.	.	.	6.00
246. J. R. Brown,	.	.	.	8.00
56. F. E. Cook, Agent,	.	.	.	6.00
247. F. E. Cook, truant officer,	.	.	.	1.00
272. G. H. Streeter,	.	.	.	2.00
Balance unexpended,	.	.	.	10.67
				<hr/> \$50.00

PAID FOR CONVEYANCE OF PUPILS, TEXT BOOKS, ETC.

Appropriation,	.	.	.	\$200.00
Order No.				
101. C. A. Sweet,	.	.	.	\$ 6.00
146. John F. Royce,	.	.	.	15.00
168. C. A. Sweet,	.	.	.	7.50
198. E. E. Tarbell,	.	.	.	10.00
201. F. G. Hitchcock,	.	.	.	1.50

FOR TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Order No.				
57. Boston School Supply Co., for crayons,				\$ 7.00
97. Springfield News Co., stationery,	.	.	.	9.12
100. Ginn & Co., text books,	.	.	.	31.28
102. Thorpe & Martin, text books,	.	.	.	2.00
131. Springfield News Co., supplies,	.	.	.	1.66
132. J. D. Gill, supplies,	.	.	.	10.70
143. J. R. Brown,	.	.	.	5.75
151. H. Rude,	.	.	.	7.00
156. Perry Mason & Co., programmes for Columbus Day,	.	.	.	3.00

Order No.

218.	J. R. Brown, supplies,	.	.	\$.45	
239.	H. Rude, supplies,	.	.	3.50	
244.	American Book Co.,	.	.	75.00	
246.	J. R. Brown, express and postage,	.	.	1.25	
				<hr/>	\$197.71
	Balance unexpended,	.	.	\$2.29	

SCHOOLHOUSE REPAIRS.

Appropriation,	.	.	.	\$150.00
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Order No.

9.	H. P. Wetherell, repairs, No. 3,	.	.	\$ 4.00	
21.	J. P. Webber, repairing fence, No. 1,	.	.	9.10	
29.	C. L. Alexander, brick, No. 7,	.	.	2.40	
61.	F. E. Brown, fence lumber, No. 1,	.	.	4.86	
62.	W. H. Shaw, fence lumber, No. 1,	.	.	5.10	
64.	C. A. Sweet, repairs, No. 3,	.	.	7.43	
64.	C. A. Sweet, repairs, No. 7,	.	.	26.77	
143.	J. R. Brown, repairs, Nos. 3, 5, 7 and				
	10,	.	.	2.25	
158.	F. F. Marcy, repairs, No. 10,	.	.	2.50	
158.	F. F. Marcy, repairs, No. 3,	.	.	5.06	
163.	Geo. W. Sherman, repairs, No. 7,	.	.	2.85	
163.	Geo. W. Sherman, repairs, No. 10,	.	.	1.05	
171.	Geo. L. Kenney, repairs, No. 6,	.	.	1.00	
206.	A. F. Fisher, repairs, No. 1,	.	.	1.50	
218.	J. R. Brown, repairs, No. 1,	.	.	2.75	
	J. R. Brown, repairs, No. 2,	.	.	.40	
	J. R. Brown, repairs, No. 5,	.	.	.49	
	J. R. Brown, repairs, No. 6,	.	.	2.40	
	J. R. Brown, repairs, No. 10,	.	.	1.19	
241.	J. R. Brown, repairs, No. 2,	.	.	2.00	
242.	W. A. Putnam, repairs, No. 7,	.	.	11.00	
252.	H. L. Converse, repairs, No. 1,	.	.	3.84	
	Balance unexpended,	.	.	50.06	
				<hr/>	\$150.00

OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Appropriation,	.	.	.	\$500.00
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PAYMENTS.

SELECTMEN.

Order No.

14.	F. R. Newton,	.	.	.	\$13.00
15.	M. H. Baker,	.	.	.	1.00
265.	M. H. Baker,	.	.	.	15.00
266.	F. R. Newton,	.	.	.	18.50
268.	F. Edgar Brown,	.	.	.	16.00
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					\$63.50

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

3.	Orrin Hicks,	.	.	.	\$ 4.00
6.	G. M. Hitchcock,	.	.	.	1.00
14.	F. R. Newton,	.	.	.	2.00
15.	M. H. Baker,	.	.	.	4.00
265.	M. H. Baker,	.	.	.	6.00
266.	F. R. Newton,	.	.	.	11.00
267.	Geo. M. Hitchcock,	.	.	.	9.00
268.	F. Edgar Brown,	.	.	.	6.00
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					\$43.00

ELECTION OFFICERS.

166.	W. A. Janes, ballot inspector,	.		\$4.00
180.	C. L. Gould, special police, 1892,	.		2.00
186.	Oscar F. Brown, ballot clerk,	.		3.00
265.	M. H. Baker,	.	.	5.00
266.	F. R. Newton,	.	.	4.00
267.	G. M. Hitchcock,	.	.	5.00
268.	F. Edgar Brown,	.	.	4.00
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				\$27.00

ASSESSORS.

137.	W. A. Janes,	.	.	.	\$30.00
139.	Oscar F. Brown,	.	.	.	31.00
177.	Sanford Booth,	.	.	.	26.00
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					\$87.00

COLLECTOR.

Order No.

273.	A. G. Tarbell, Collector of Taxes,				
	1892,	.	.	.	\$40.00
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					\$40.00

TOWN CLERK.

267.	Geo. M. Hitchcock, salary,	.	.	.	\$20.00
	Marriages, births and deaths,	.	.	.	15.40
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					\$35.40

TOWN TREASURER.

267.	Geo. M. Hitchcock,	.	.	.	\$27.50
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					\$27.50

CONSTABLES.

247.	F. E. Cook,	.	.	.	\$12.00
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					\$12.00

LIBRARIAN.

	E. W. Carder.	.	.	.	\$50.00
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					\$50.00

SEXTON.

	Geo. M. Hitchcock,	.	.	.	\$65.50
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					\$65.50

JANITOR.

	E. W. Carder,	.	.	.	\$100.00
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					\$100.00

COMMITTEE IN SETTLEMENT WITH OVERSEERS OF POOR.

2.	James Noyes,	.	.	.	\$4.00	.
177.	Sanford Booth,	.	.	.	6.00	
					<u> </u>	\$10.00

MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES.

Appropriation,	.	.	.	\$500.00
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Order No.

4.	E. W. Carder, cutting wood at town			
	house,	.	.	\$ 1.20
8.	Josiah Stebbins, wood for town house,			4.00

Order No.

33.	J. D. Gill, stationery, . . .	\$ 1.62
38.	Geo. M. Hitchcock, ink, . . .	.75
39.	Geo. M. Hitchcock, manual of law, .	2.25
44.	E. W. Carder, wood for town house,	1.40
49.	J. D. Gill, tax book, etc., . . .	1.20
53.	Louis S. Brown, wood for town house,	2.62
54.	Transcript Pub. Co., town reports, .	36.19
60.	F. E. Brown, wood for town house, .	2.62
67.	E. W. Carder, cleaning town house,	3.75
80.	Geo. H. Streeter, postage, . . .	.08
88.	Geo. A. Furness, mowing common, .	3.50
93.	Town of Wales, tax, . . .	2.40
96.	F. E. Cook, mowing cemetery, . .	18.00
99.	J. B. Lippincott, magazine for library,	2.25
103.	O. P. Allen, Harper's Magazine for library,	3.20
108.	C. S. Tarbell, wood for town house, .	22.50
110.	E. W. Carder, washbowl for town house, . . . . .	.50
112.	W. H. Shaw, wood for town house, .	26.16
118	H. M. Converse, printing tax bills, .	2.50
123	F. E. Brown, board for notices, . .	.50
	F. E. Brown, shavings,	1.00
127	Cosmopolitan Pub. Co., magazine for library,	4.80
133	A. W. Pierson, work on voting railing,	2.15
134	F. E. Cook, mowing cemetery, . . .	10.00
135	Register for voters' names,	1.25
144	E. A. Buck & Co., oil for town house,	3.90
145	W. L. Daniel, repairing walks on com- mon,	7.00
148	O. P. Allen, magazine for library, .	6.10
152	B. P. Morse, printing registrars notices,	1.50
154	F. R. Newton, carting oil, . . . . .	.50
161	E. W. Carder, wood for town house, .	12.25
173	J. D. Gill, stationery, etc.,	2.30
178	A.W.Pierson, picture frame for library.	3 00
184	E. W. Carder, repairs on settees, .	.75

Order No.

189	Geo. H. Streeter, postage, . . .	\$.10	
51	A. F. Fisher, repairing stoves at town hall,	8.50	
194	R. V. Sawin, returning births, . . .	2.50	
209	E. W. Carder, cutting wood for town house, . . . . .	.50	
211	F. E. Brown, bulletin boards for election,	1.00	
212	E. W. Carder, express on books for library, . . . . .	.70	
216	G. F. Chamberlain, returning births, . . .	.50	
220	Estes & Lauriat, books for library, . . .	43.45	
223	Springfield Printing & Binding Co., order blanks,	3.75	
228	Springfield Institution for Savings, deposited Goodale Fund,	52.00	
240	Expenses of cases in Dist. Court, Eastern Hampden,	26.70	
247	F. E. Cook, cutting grass at soldiers' monument, . . . . .	.50	
251	E. W. Carder, work at town house, . . .	5.00	
252	H. L. Converse, goods for town house, . . .	3.18	
266	F. R. Newton, postage, pencils, etc., . . .	.63	
267	G. M. Hitchcock, express on books for library, postage, etc.,	8.84	
267	G. M. Hitchcock, making general register of voters,	3.00	
		<hr/>	\$356.54
186	Oscar F. Brown, services and expenses in case of N. S. Powers vs. the Town of Brimfield,	\$99.10	
192	M. H. Baker, services and expenses in Powers case,	5.45	
225	Wells, McClench & Barnes, services as attorneys,	30.00	
225	Wells, McClench & Barnes, cash paid jury fares, etc.,	19.31	

Order No.

226	C. L. Gardner for N. S. Powers, land damage allowed by Superior Court,	\$426.71	
266	F. R. Newton, expenses, . . .	3.37	
		<hr/>	\$583.94
187	S. S. Taft, for land damages of A. W. Crossman & Sons, . . .	150.00	
192	M. H. Baker, services and expenses,	1.80	
225	Wells, McClench & Barnes, services,	5.00	
266	F. R. Newton, services and expenses,	2.00	
		<hr/>	\$158.80
	State and Military Aid, . . .	\$459.00	
	W. C. Marsh, County Tax, . . .	480.00	
	G. A. Marden, State Tax, . . .	350.00	
	Discount on taxes, . . .	282.90	
		<hr/>	\$1,571.90
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			\$2,671.18

TOWN DEBT AND INTEREST.

Order No.

12	Geo. M. Hitchcock, cash paid on loan of Palmer Savings Bank, . . .	\$ 300 00	
13	Geo. M. Hitchcock, cash paid on loan of Palmer Savings Bank, . . .	1,013.33	
65	Paid Palmer Savings Bank, interest, . . .	25.35	
164	Paid Palmer Savings Bank, interest, . . .	53.15	
		<hr/>	\$1,391.83

FOR STATE AND MILITARY AID.

	Appropriation, . . .	\$75.00	
	Amount military aid repaid by state, . . .	\$ 58.00	
	State aid repaid, . . .	277.00	
		<hr/>	\$410.00

PAYMENTS.

	Aluia E. Sibley,. . .	\$48.00	
	Austin N. Moulton and wife, . . .	60.00	

Elmer W. Carder and wife,	.	.	\$60.00	
Mary A. Brownell,	.	.	24.00	
Levi W. Emerson,	.	.	96.00	
Olive M. Groves,	.	.	48.00	
Margaret H. Marsh,	.	.	48.00	
Alonzo Allen,	.	.	36.00	
Francis A. Wood,	.	.	24.00	
H. B. Kibbe,	.	.	12.00	
Horace Merritt,	.	.	3.00	
			<hr/>	\$459.00

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

Appropriation,	.	.	\$300.00
275 A. G. Tarbell, discounts,	.	.	\$282.90

Collector's Report.

CHENEY NEWTON, COLLECTOR FOR 1890.

1892.	Dr.	
March 7.	To Balance of tax uncollected, .	\$21.68
	Cr.	
March 17.	By Abatements, . . .	\$18.38
	Cash paid treasurer to balance, .	3.30
		<hr/> \$21.68

CHENEY NEWTON, COLLECTOR FOR 1891.

1892.	Dr.	
March 7.	To balance of tax uncollected, .	\$868.66
	Cr.	
March 16.	By cash paid Town Treasurer, .	\$250.00
April 4.	“ “ “ .	55.23
May 30.	“ “ “ .	80.20
Nov. 23.	“ “ “ .	40.00
	Discounts, . . .	288 79
	Balance uncollected, . .	154.44
		<hr/> \$868.66

CHENEY NEWTON, *Collector.*

ALBERT G. TARBELL, COLLECTOR FOR 1892.

1892.	Dr.	
June.	To tax of 1892, . . .	\$7,350.10
1893.	Cr.	
March 6.	By Amount paid Treasurer, .	\$6,167.67
	Discounts allowed, . .	282.90
	Balance uncollected, .	899.50
		<hr/> \$7,350.10

ALBERT G. TARBELL, *Collector.*

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT
ALMSHOUSE, FEB. 25, 1893.

1 Horse,	\$ 150.00	
1 Horse,	125.00	
9 Cows,	225.00	
2 Heifers,	40.00	
1 Cow,	20.00	
2 Heifers,	36.00	
1 Bull,	15.00	
3 Shoats,	30.00	
3 Shoats,	45.00	
21 Fowls,	10.50	\$696.50
8 Tons English Hay,	120.00	
15 Bushels oats,	6.00	
12 Bushels rye,	9.00	
109 Bushels corn on ear,	36.75	\$171.75
Farming tools, Wood, etc.,	416.00	
Provisions,	105.78	
Household furniture,	304.04	\$825.82
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		\$1,694.07
Inventory Feb. 25, 1892,	\$1,563.75	
Gain on inventory,	130.32	
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	\$1,694.07	

FARM PRODUCTS IN 1892.

English hay, 12 tons.
 Rowen, 4 tons.
 Meadow hay, 12 tons.
 Corn stover, 6 tons.
 Corn fodder, 4 tons.
 Oat straw, 2 tons.
 Rye straw, $\frac{1}{2}$ ton.
 Corn, 120 bushels.
 Oats, 60 bushels.
 Rye, 18 bushels.

Potatoes, 97 bushels.
 Apples, 15 barrels.
 Sweet corn, 6 barrels.
 Shelled beans, 2 barrels.
 String beans, 2 barrels.
 Tomatoes, 2 barrels.
 Carrots, 4 barrels.
 Beats, 3 barrels.
 Turnips, 4 barrels.
 Parsnips, 1 barrel.
 Squash, 300 pounds.
 Cabbage, 200 pounds.
 Pork, 900 pounds.
 Beef, 1100 pounds.
 40 Chickens.
 Poultry, 90 pounds.
 Cream sold, \$345.91.

PAYMENTS FOR LABOR.

1892.

Mar. 16.	O. Hicks, cutting ice,	.	.	\$5.00
21.	For cutting wood,	.	.	2.50
May 17.	O. Moore,	.	.	1.50
19.	Mrs. A Reynolds,	.	.	33.00
June 28.	O. Moore,	.	.	1.75
July 14.	Felix ———	.	.	17.50
14.	Joseph ———	.	.	20.00
Sept. 13.	Chas. S. Tarbell,	.	.	3.25
23.	Stanton,	.	.	1.50
Nov. 1.	Cash paid, 3 days labor,	.	.	1.50
1.	Corbin,	.	.	12.50
Jan. 7.	E. Newport,	.	.	4.70
Feb. 14.	Paid for chopping,	.	.	3.00
20.	Paid Stanton,	.	.	20.00
20.	Paid Mr. Swiss,	.	.	12.00
	Mrs. J. M. Robbins,	.	.	26.00
	J. A. McKinstry, warden,			400.00

\$565.70

FOR SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

Appropriation, \$1,100.00

PAYMENTS FOR THOSE AT ALMSHOUSE.

Order No.

5	J. A. McKinstry, salary as warden, .	\$ 33.34	
19	H. L. Converse, goods, . .	18.74	
34	F. T. Parker, horse, . .	125.00	
36	A. W. Lincoln, harness, . .	31.00	
43	J. A. McKinstry, cash for use, .	50.00	
50	H. L. Converse, goods, . .	26.55	
90	Frank G. Hitchcock, goods, .	15.22	
95	Frank G. Hitchcock, goods, .	14.21	
98	J. A. McKinstry, salary as warden, .	100.00	
115	Frank G. Hitchcock, goods, .	16.56	
120	J. A. McKinstry, salary as warden, .	100.00	
121	J. A. McKinstrey, for use, .	75.00	
124	R. V. Sawin, medical attendance, .	2.00	
141	Frank G. Hitchcock, goods, .	29.27	
162	Frank G. Hitchcock, goods, .	11.91	
167	J. A. McKinstry, for use at alms house,	100.00	
196	Frank G. Hitchcock, goods, .	11.99	
202	Frank G. Hitchcock, goods, .	14.21	
208	J. A. McKinstry, salary as warden, .	100.00	
215	Frank G. Hitchcock, goods, .	15.74	
247	F. E. Cook, services as Overseer of Poor,	16.50	
252	H. L. Converse, goods, . .	2.16	
253	J. A. McKinstry, salary as warden,	66.67	
255	Philip Burns, services as Overseer of Poor,	8.00	
257	Orris E. Parker, " " " "	8.00	
274	F. G. Hitchcock, goods, . .	12.91	
		<hr/>	\$1,004.98

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR OUTSIDE OF ALMS-
HOUSE.

Order No.

18	H. L. Converse, goods to John Elliott,	\$ 2.62
18	H. L. Converse, goods Miss Carroll,	8.00
27	Northampton Hospital for Achsa Hill,	16.25

Order No.

59	T. E. Gould, goods for Miss Carroll,	\$ 3.40	
85	H. G. Loomis, casket for Anna Haradon,	13.50	
94	H. L. Converse, goods for Miss Carroll,	8.00	
104	Northampton Hospital for Achsa Hill,	42.25	
124	R. V. Sawin, medical attendance,	20.50	
125	F. E. Cook, services and expenses to Northampton,	5.17	
128	Town of Palmer, aid to E. Dodge, . . .	6.00	
147	Northampton Hospital for Achsa Hill,	42.71	
159	F. E. Cook, cash for Eugene McCrellis,	4.00	
160	F. E. Cook, cash for Eugene McCrellis,	4.00	
172	H. L. Converse, goods for Miss Carroll,	12.00	
172	H. L. Converse, goods for Eugene McCrellis,	4.00	
197	F. E. Cook, cash for Eugene McCrellis,	2.68	
200	City of Brockton, aid to Dearth family,	17.93	
217	F. E. Cook, cash for Eugene McCrellis,	5.66	
219	Northampton Hospital for Achsa Hill,	42.71	
221	H. L. Converse, goods for Miss Carroll,	7.50	
221	H. L. Converse, goods for Eugene McCrellis,	1.32	
247	F. E. Cook, cash for Eugene McCrellis,	4.33	
247	F. E. Cook, expenses at Young and other cases,	11.10	
254	E. W. Hitchcock, goods to Miss Carroll,	21.80	
207	O. E. Parker, expenses on O'Roque case,	5.75	
			<hr/> \$213.18

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
TOWN OF BRIMFIELD.

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1892.

Feb. 25.	To farm as appraised,	\$4,000.00
	Neat stock,	498.00
	Hay and grain,	242.60
	Farming tools and wood,	380.25
	Provisions,	140.40

Feb. 25.	To Household furniture, . . .	\$ 301.50	
	Interest on above at 4 per cent, . . .	222.51	
	Orders paid for almshouse, . . .	972.48	
	Orders paid for outside poor, . . .	297.08	
	Services of Overseers of Poor at almshouse,	32.50	
	Services of Overseers of Poor for outside poor,	16.10	
	Due City of Brockton for aid to Dearth family, estimated, . . .	20.00	
	Due Northampton Hospital for support Achsa Hill, estimated, . . .	32.50	
		<hr/>	\$7,155.92

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1893.

Feb. 25.	By farm as appraised,	\$4,000.00	
	Neat stock,	696.50	
	Hay and grain,	171.75	
	Farming tools and wood,	416.00	
	Provisions,	105.78	
	Household Furniture,	304.04	
	Received of state for burial ex- penses of Anna Hardon,	13.50	
	Received of Town of Warren for aid furnished David Sharky and family,	5.00	
	Received of state for bill of medical attendance on Mrs. Young,	14.50	
	Due from F. W. Fenton,	8.00	
	Cash on hand,	9.97	
	Balance amount it cost to sup- port the poor,	1,410.78	
		<hr/>	\$7,155.92

From amount it has cost to support the poor,	\$1,410.78	
Deduct the expense of outside poor,	313.18	
	<hr/>	\$1,097.60

Average number at Almshouse, 9.48.

Number of weeks board of inmates, 493.

Board of 480 tramps, estimated $\frac{3}{4}$ day each, 52 weeks.

Total number weeks board furnished, 545.

Cost of each week's board at Almshouse, \$2.013.

GEO. M. HITCHCOCK,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
SANFORD BOOTH,		
PETER W. MOORE,		

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The trustees of the Public Library submit the following:—

APPROPRIATIONS.

Balance unexpended March 7, 1892,	.	\$109.40	
Dog fund, Jan. 23, 1892,	.	109.86	
		<hr/>	\$219.26

PAYMENTS.

J. B. Lippincott & Co., for magazine,	.	\$2.25	
O. P. Allen, for magazine,	.	3.20	
Cosmopolitan Pub. Co., for magazine,	.	4.80	
O. P. Allen, for magazine,	.	6.10	
E. W. Carder, express on books,	.	.50	
Estes & Lauriat, for books,	.	43.45	
		<hr/>	\$60.30
Balance unexpended,	.		<hr/> \$158.96

Two hundred and fifteen persons have drawn books to the number of 2,963 copies; seventy-eight people living outside the mile limit.

During the year 45 books have been purchased. The magazines as subscribed for are as follows: Harper's, Century, Cosmopolitan, Lippincott's, St. Nicholas and Scribner's.

The trustees wish to acknowledge the kindly gift of 29 books from Miss Anna M. Cutler, and volumes from Mr. Cheney Newton.

We believe those interested in the library can greatly add to its

usefulness by similar gifts. Acknowledgment is also made to Mr. A. W. Pierson for the generous gift of a crayon portrait of the late Henry F. Brown.

W. K. PEIRCE,	}	<i>Trustees of Public Library.</i>
LOUIS S. BROWN,		
J. M. RUSSELL,		
MISS REBECCA M. LINCOLN.		
MRS. JOHN. H. NOYES,		

APPROPRIATIONS AND PAYMENTS FOR 1892-3.

		Appropriations.	Payments.
For Highway repairs,	. . .	\$1,400.00	\$1,333.68
Bridges,	. . .	150.00	130.47
Snow paths,	. . .	100.00	433.78
Schools,	. \$1,400.00		
Income of school fund,	. 387.20	1,787.20	1,696.71
Salary of School Superintendent,	. . .	225.00	225.00
For services of School Committee,	. . .	50.00	39.33
Conveyance, text books, etc.,	. . .	200.00	197.71
Schoolhouse repairs,	. . .	150.00	99.94
Support of paupers.	. . .	1,100.00	1,318.16
Officers' salaries,	. . .	500.00	560.90
Town debt and interest,	. . .	100.00	1,391.83
Discount on taxes,	. . .	300.00	282.90
Miscellaneous expenses,	. . .	500.00	1,929.18
Memorial Day,	. . .	50.00	
State aid by tax,	. . 75.00		
Repaid by state,	. . 335.00	410.00	459.00
Balance over appropriations,	. . .	3,076.39	
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		\$10,098.59	\$10,098.59

Treasurer's Report.

GEO. M. HITCHCOCK, in account with the Town
of Brimfield.

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1892.

Mar.	7.	To cash on hand,	.	.	\$2,074.57
	16.	Cash received of Cheney New-			
		ton, balance of tax of 1890,		3.30	
	16.	Cash on tax of 1891,	.	250.00	
	16.	Cash received of State Treas-			
		urer, Corporation Tax,	.	11.14	
Apr.	4.	Cash received of Second Con-			
		gregational Church for use of			
		town hall,	.	125.00	
	4.	Cash received of Cheney New-			
		ton on tax of 1891,	.	55.23	
May	30.	Cash received of Cheney New-			
		ton on tax of 1891,	.	80.20	
June	1.	Cash borrowed of Palmer Sav-			
		ings Bank,	.	1,000.00	
	11.	Cash received of state for			
		burial of Anna Haradon,		13.50	
	21.	Cash received of Town of War-			
		ren for schooling children in			
		1891,	.	20.00	
July	2.	Cash borrowed of Palmer Sav-			
		ings bank,	.	800.00	
Aug.	9.	Cash received of A. G. Tarbell,			
		on Tax of 1892,	.	352.90	

Aug. 12.	To Cash received of A. G. Tarbell, tax of 1892, . . .	\$ 410.00
15.	Cash received of Charles B. Leno for one-half lot No. 301 in Brimfield Cemetery, . . .	3.00
20.	Cash received of A. G. Tarbell, on tax of 1892, . . .	326.96
22.	Cash received of A. G. Tarbell, on tax of 1892, . . .	372.02
26.	Cash received of A. G. Tarbell, on tax of 1892, . . .	284.88
29.	Cash received of A. G. Tarbell, on tax of 1892, . . .	360.37
31.	Cash received of A. G. Tarbell, on tax of 1892, . . .	427.73
Sept. 1.	Cash received of A. G. Tarbell, on tax of 1893, . . .	640.65
1.	Cash received of A. G. Tarbell, on tax of 1893, . . .	159.95
14.	Cash received of Wm. S. Janes for fence between land of Rebecca Bliss and school- house No. 1, . . .	10.00
15.	Cash received of Town of Pal- mer for schooling children in 1891, . . .	20.00
26.	Cash received of A. G. Tarbell, on tax of 1892, . . .	117.84
Oct. 27.	Cash received of Town of War- ren for aid furnished David Shorkey and family. . .	5.00
Nov. 2.	Cash received of A. G. Tarbell, on tax of 1892, . . .	206.66
23.	Cash received of Cheney New- ton on tax of 1891, . . .	40.00
Dec. 12,	Cash received of A. G. Tarbell, on tax of 1892, . . .	40.00
13.	Cash received of State Treas- urer, on Corporation Tax, . . .	317.15

	National Bank Tax,	.	\$ 169.87
Dec. 13.	Military Aid,	.	58.00
	State Aid,	.	277.00
19.	Cash received of A. G. Tarbell, on tax of 1892,	.	238.11
22.	Cash received of A. G. Tarbell, on tax of 1892,	.	180.25
29.	Cash received of A. G. Tarbell, on tax of 1892,	.	734.66
31.	Cash received of A. G. Tarbell, on tax of 1892,	.	604.04
Jan. 2.	Cash received of A. G. Tarbell, on tax of 1892,	.	101.00
11.	Cash received of state for sup- port of School Superintend- ent,	.	134.61
27.	Cash received of State Income Mass. School Fund,	.	387.20
30.	Cash received of County Treas- urer Dog Fund,	.	106.14
Feb. 1.	Cash received for town history sold,	.	2.00
2.	Cash received of Second Cong- regational church for use of Town Hall to April 12th,	.	125.00
4.	Cash received of A. G. Tarbell, on tax on 1892,	.	193.97
16.	Cash received of state for aid furnished state paupers,	.	14.50
Mar. 4.	Cash received of A. G. Tarbell, on tax of 1892,	.	185.00
6.	Cash received of A. G. Tarbell, on tax of 1891,	.	77.00
6.	Cash received of A. G. Tarbell, discount on taxes,	.	282.90
6.	Cash received for use of town hall,	.	22.00
			<hr/> \$12,574.98

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Mch. 7.	By paid orders on miscellaneous		
	old bills of 1891,	. . \$	241.95
	For highway repairs,	. .	1,333.68
	Bridges,	. .	130.47
	Snow paths,	. .	433.78
	Wages of school teachers,	. .	1,696.71
	Superintendent of schools,	. .	225.00
	Services of school committee,		39.33
	Conveyance, text books and		
	supplies,	. .	197.71
	Schoolhouse repairs,	. .	99.94
	Support of poor,	. .	1,318.16
	Officers' salaries,	. .	560.90
	Miscellaneous expenses,	. .	2,388.18
	Town debt and interest,	. .	1,391.83
	Discount on taxes,	. .	282.90
	Balance in Treasurer's hands,		2,234.44
		—————	\$12,574.98

The undersigned, having examined the foregoing accounts and the vouchers therefor, find them correct.

CHARLES C. BROWN, *Auditor.*

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

ASSETS.

1893.

Mch. 7.	Cash in the hands of the Treas-		
	urer,	. . . . \$	2,234.44
	Due from the state aid to soldiers,		411.00
	Balance of tax of 1891,	. .	154.44
	Balance of tax of 1892,	. .	899.53
	Due from O. S. Parker for lot		
	No. 288 in cemetery,	. .	8.00
		—————	\$3,707.41

LIABILITIES.

1893.

Mch. 7.	Due Palmer Savings Bank, note and interest, March 1, 1893,	\$2,525.00	
	Due Fannie D. Traverse, for teaching,	78.00	
	Ida R. Agard, for teaching, .	71.50	
	Conveyance of pupils, esti- mated,	35.00	
	Care of schoolhouses, .	12.00	
	Due City of Brockton, for aid to Dearth family, estimated, .	20.00	
	Northampton Hospital, for sup- port of Achsa Hill, estimated,	32.50	
		<hr/>	\$3,707.41
	Balance of assets over liabilities, .	\$933.41	

HARRIET ALLEN FUND.

Principal in Springfield Institute for Savings, January 1, 1893,	\$233.98
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N. M. GOODALE FUND.

Principal in Springfield Institute for Savings, March 1, 1893,	\$52.00
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GUIDE-POSTS.

The Road Commissioners herewith present the required report of guide-posts maintained by the town the past year.

The total number is thirty-one, and they are located as follows, viz:—

Two at east end of Common.

One at junction of roads at Little Rest.

Two at junction of roads near Wilbur G. Parker's.

One at junction of roads near Chas. A. Brown's.

Two at junction of roads near H. L. Converse's store.

One at junction of roads near Geo. F. Holdridge's.

One on Warren road leading to Edward B. Brown's.

One at corner near house of George Whitehouse.

One at fork of roads at Lyman place.

One at fork of roads near Dunhamtown schoolhouse.

One at fork of roads near O. D. Wells'.

One at schoolhouse No. 6.

Two at fork of roads near Austin Woodard place.

One at fork of roads near John C. Spring's.

Four at junction of roads near Chester Scarborough's.

One at junction of roads at Marcus Hitchcock place.

Two at four corners on Holland road.

One at the cross roads near Porter A. Parker's.

One at fork of roads near John Cunningham's.

Two at fork of roads near John W. Lawrence's.

One at fork of roads near C. E. Marsh's.

We recommend placing two at fork of roads near F. E. Cook's.

BYRON W. CHARLES,	} <i>Road Commissioners</i>
ALBERT D. THOMAS,	
FRANK R. NEWTON,	
	<i>of Brimfield.</i>

Report of Town Clerk.

INSURANCE ON TOWN PROPERTY.

Expires.	Name of Company.	Property.	Amount.	
Oct. 17, 1893	Royal of Liverpool	Town House	\$1,650	
Oct. 17, 1893	Royal of Liverpool	Furniture, etc.	850	
Oct. 17, 1893	Hartford	Town House	1,650	
Oct. 17, 1893	Hartford	Furniture, etc.	850	
Mar. 22, 1894	Ins. Co. of North America	Town House	2,000	
				<u>\$7,000</u>
Jan. 20, 1896	Ætna of Hartford	Public Library		1,500
April 25, 1893	Quincy Mutual	Almshouse	\$1,700	
Feb. 1, 1894	Ætna of Hartford	Almshouse	700	
Feb. 1, 1864	Ætna of Hartford	Furniture	400	
Feb. 1, 1894	Ætna of Hartford	Ice house	100	
July 15, 1894	Ætna of Hartford	Almshouse barn	1,800	
Dec. 1, 1894	Phoenix of Brooklyn	Hoghouse	100	
Dec. 1, 1894	Phoenix of Brooklyn	Hay, grain, tools	400	
Dec. 1, 1894	Phoenix of Brooklyn	Live stock	500	
				<u>\$5,700</u>
Dec. 1, 1896	Ætna of Hartford	Schoolhouse No. 1	\$2,700	
Aug. 8, 1894	Ætna of Hartford	Schoolhouse No. 2	1,000	
				<u>\$3,700</u>
				<u>\$17,900</u>

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1892.

Date.	Bridegroom.	Residence.	Bride.	Residence.
1892.				
June 9,	Frederick D. Thayer,	Brimfield,	Nellie E. Farnhan,	Brimfield.
June 27,	Fred Bigelow,	Brimfield,	Delia St. George,	Brimfield.
Nov. 24,	Edward B. Milliken,	Nashua, N. H.,	Elsie M. Warriner,	Brimfield.
Nov. 24,	Arthur P. Carpenter,	Charlton,	Jennie D. Gates,	Brimfield.
Nov. 28,	Geo. C. Plimpton,	Brimfield,	Emma L. Davenport,	Brimfield.
Jan. 31,	Geo. E. Hitchcock,	Brimfield,	Mary L. Kenney,	Brimfield.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1892.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child.	Sex.	Names of Parents.
1891.			
Jan. 4,	Eliza E. St. George,	F.,	Charles and Clemense St. George.
Jan. 10,	Marcus Callahan Newton,	M.,	Frank R. and Mary A. Newton.
Feb. 7,	Allen,	M.,	Haskell and Anna Allen.
Feb. 26,	Charles Marsh Streeter,	M.,	Geo. H. and Martha E. Streeter.
Feb. 28,	Ameden St. George,	F.,	John and Alice St. George.
Mar. 8,	Margaret Bloomer,	F.,	Mary Ann Bloomer.
April 1,	Mandalene G. Stanger,	F.,	Gustave and Caroline Stanger.
April 26,	Frank B. Haley,	M.,	John and Ellen Haley.
May 10,	Robert Covey Sherman,	M.,	Geo. W. and Alice E. Sherman.
May 3,	Samuel H. Adams,	M.,	Samuel H. and Augusta C. Adams.
July 3,	Florence L. Leno,	F.,	Charles and Alice Leno.
Aug. 26,	Freddie St. George,	M.,	Joseph and Minnie St. George.
Oct. 24,	Clara May Bigelow,	F.,	Fred and Delia Bigelow.
Sept. 21,	Died before named,	F. twin,	John P. and Bertha Siddall.
Sept. 21,	Died before named,	F. twin,	John P. and Bertha Siddall.
Nov. 11,	Ruth Merrill,	F.,	Amos and Augusta Merrill.
Nov. 30,	Viola Belle Leno,	F.,	Jacob and Sarah Leno.
Dec. 10,	Died before named,	F.,	John and Mary Connoghan.
Dec. 23,	Annie Winnifred Hening,	F.,	William and Jennie Hening.

DEATHS RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1892.

Date of Death	Name.	Cause of Death.	Age.		
			Yrs.	Mos.	Days.
Jan. 7,	Lucy (Fay) Plimpton,	Pneumonia,	56	8	10
	16, Charles A. Homer	Consumption	60	7	—
	19, Harriet L. (Moon) Shaw,	Acute bronchitis,	71	0	19
	28, George Thayer,	Heart disease,	56	4	20
Feb. 8,	Lyman Webster,	Consumption,	73	10	17
	8, ——— Allen,	Hydrocephalus,	—	—	1
Mar. 17,	Geo. F. Brooks,	Pneumonia,	—	—	3
	31, Annie (Lynn) Wesson,	Pulmonary phthisis,	21	1	17
	26, Ursula J. Shaw,	Heart disease,	65	10	21
Apr. 5,	Achsa Drury,	Senile gangrene,	72	3	13
May 18,	Anna Hardon,	Heart failure,	—	—	—
June 2,	William K. Howard,	Paralysis,	87	6	25
	25, Henry F. Brown,	Cancer of mouth,	75	6	10
July 19,	Grace B. Rand,	Gastrites,	2	6	10
Aug. 15,	Florence Leno,	Enterites,	1	—	12
	23, George Dunham,	Heart disease,	62	5	—
	29, Mary Harnio,	Still born,	—	—	—
Sept. 22,	Joseph Benoit,	Found dead,	—	—	16
	24, Eliza Harwood,	Heart failure,	64	—	—
	24, ——— Sidall,	Inanimation,	—	—	—
	28, ——— Sidall,	Inanimation,	—	—	6
Oct. 2,	Samantha (Maxwell) Stebbins,	Paralysis,	82	—	5
	22, Frank A. Blashfield,	Rectal ulcer,	33	11	28

Date of Death.	Name.	Cause of Death.	Age.		
			Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
Oct. 26,	Geo. L. Kenney,	Cerebral apoplexy,	52	6	9
Nov. 27,	Orestus A. Blashfield,	Suicide,	62	2	26
30,	Sophia (Prince) Sherman,	Simple continued fever,	75	3	18
30,	Lucius A. Cutter,	Paresis,	80	6	—
Dec. 10,	Maggie Conoghon,	Premature birth,	—	—	—
23,	Richard Provost,	Pistol shot wound,	12	9	--
25,	Julia M. Fuller,	Apoplexy,	50	—	—

PERSONS BROUGHT HERE FROM OTHER PLACES FOR BURIAL.

Date of Death.	Name.	Place of Death.	Yrs. Mos. Days.		
			Yrs.	Mos.	Days.
Jan. 20,	Chloe M. Alexander,	Wayland,	91	8	4
Apr. 6,	Joseph H. Goodhue,	Warren,	49	9	13
May 17,	Eliza A. Button,	Warren,	60	6	22
20,	Delia A. Goodhue,	Warren,	52	2	11
June 15,	Olive H. Rhodes,	LeRoy, N. Y.,	58	—	—
Aug. 23,	Sophia F. Alexander,	Westfield,	86	8	25
Sept. 17,	W. A. Charles,	Moorehead, Minn.,	45	—	28
Nov. 3,	Oramus Kenfield,	Sturbridge,	64	—	—
29,	Madeline B. Haynes,	Providence, R. I.,	21	10	12

School Report

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

To the School Committee of Brimfield :

I have the honor of submitting to you my first report, and the third in the superintendency of the town.

The eight school buildings of the town are in better condition on the exterior than in the interior. The blackboards, desks and walls need repairing. It is earnestly hoped that these matters will receive attention the coming year. A schoolroom should be kept as well as the homes of the children.

The resignation of Misses Daniels, Flora Agard, Stebbins, Carruthers and Mr. Plympton has necessitated many changes in the corps of teachers.

It has been my purpose to visit each school twice a month; during that visit to assist the teachers, either by giving a teaching exercise that she may observe the method used by another, to suggest improvements, to commend what has already been done, or to consider any difficulties which may come up in the teacher's work.

Teachers' meetings have been held at various times through the year for the assistance of the teachers. These have been conducted by Mr. L. W. Sargent, assistant supervisor of drawing, Mr. H. F. Bailey, Mr. A. W. Edson, agents of Massachusetts board of education, and the superintendent.

How to find good teachers for our schools is the most difficult problem to be solved. In our schools are needed teachers of learning, tact, experience. For the most part are found young people just from the high or normal school, dealing with a few minds, to be sure, but with many subjects. Even this talent is obtained with difficulty.

A teacher of experience aspires to a graded school in town or city, and the district school is shunned. At the present time there are so many occupations for young women which are more lucrative than that of teaching that the ranks are thin. The question again faces us, "What is to be done for teachers for our district schools?" Any plan which will enable us to find our teachers among the Brimfield young people, and not be forced to depend upon outside talent, will be gratefully received.

What is the object of education in our public schools? Is it that the pupil may learn facts? If so, any person of ordinary intelligence will do. If, on the other hand, the pupil's work is to be so guided that they may gain mental power and skill, that their minds may be well developed, then surely we need a person of ability, force, tact, and of high moral character.

A course of study has been prepared as a guide for the teachers in their work. This is not perfect and for all time, but is simply a guide for the present. It must be changed occasionally as improvements are suggested and progress is made in methods.

Drawing has been systematically introduced during the present year. Mr. Bailey's course, which has been adopted by the Massachusetts board of education, has been followed. In the primary schools this introductory work consists of form study, which the little ones enjoy intensely. At first this study seemed an unsurmountable obstacle to many teachers, but now if called upon to testify I am confident they would not want it taken from the course. The pupil is taught to observe, to have a good idea of form, and to sketch simple objects. The work at first is crude and elementary, but will advance gradually as the pupils are prepared for higher work. The study is not put in as an accomplishment, but that the pupils may have another means of expressing their thoughts; that they may be able to do a finished piece of work. Isn't this their first lesson in manual training? Since a knowledge of drawing is required in so many lines of work it is now an essential part of the school program.

Penmanship has not been introduced, but the necessity of good writing has been emphasized. Good position and careful work have been insisted upon, and the results are noticeable, for the teachers have worked hard and faithfully. We hear on all sides complaints of the handwriting of the young men and women in academies, high

schools and colleges. The demand is for a handwriting that is rapid and easily read. This end cannot be gained by a single stride, but only by daily, persistent and systematic effort.

Music should be added to the school curriculum. There is no subject which has so refining and softening an influence upon children. Where music is well taught, children study simple but pretty melodies and sing them alone as unconsciously as they read. Rote singing is done away with entirely and children sing what they have studied. It is earnestly hoped that at an early day this study will be introduced by the committee.

In closing I wish to express my gratitude to the committee for their loyalty and support; to the teachers for their cordial welcome, their coöperation, their faithful and earnest work; to the citizens for the courtesies I have received at their hands.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARA A. WOOD.

Report of School Committee.

Citizens of Brimfield :

Your attention is hereby invited to the following report of the school committee :—

There have been no radical changes in the management of the schools during the past year. Early in the year your committee met with the Monson committee and elected Miss C. A. Wood of Springfield as superintendent of the Monson and Brimfield district. Her work in town has been very satisfactory to the committee, and as far as we know to most citizens of the town who are interested in schools. Of course there are still some who are crying against superintendency, but the cry is growing fainter and fainter. It comes from those only who do not understand its object, or those who know very little about schools and school work. We have now had a superintendent three years, and we think that any candid person who has tried to inform himself in regard to school matters can see for himself the advantage of superintendency.

We have noticed during the past year much progress in the schools—more particularly in the schools taught by teachers who have been under the direction of the superintendent for the whole or any part of the year.

The progress in writing, during the year, deserves marked attention, and we invite all having children in the several schools to examine work done. We have been obliged during the year to employ a few teachers through the Agency. Some of our citizens do not understand that it is becoming more and more difficult each year to secure good teachers, at such prices as we can pay, but this is a fact.

The reason is this—there are now three hundred occupations in

which young ladies can employ themselves, while ten years ago there were not more than a dozen.

Many of the brightest girls who would make good teachers are taking up type-writing or telegraphy or book-keeping or some other more lucrative employment than teaching. If we are so fortunate as to secure a bright, promising teacher, she is soon gotten hold of by the Agency and hustled away to some larger village or city where she can command a much larger salary. In fact very few towns in the state pay so low wages as we. We must appropriate more for teacher's salaries, if we would retain good teachers. We would also be pleased to extend our school year.

The law now requires the schools to keep more weeks than formerly. We intended during the past year to have thirty-two weeks school, and have had, in some districts, but some of the schools were closed after keeping eleven weeks this winter, owing to the bad weather and poor traveling, and sickness among some of the pupils. Now, while we should be glad to lengthen the school year, we may be obliged to shorten it. We believe, however, that where we have teachers doing good work, it is better to raise wages a little, and retain them, than to let them go, even if we were sure of securing equally good teachers for less wages, for the former teachers can do more for the school in ten weeks than a new teacher could in twelve weeks. The attendance during the year has been very good in some schools. Now, however successful the teacher may be, the pupil will receive but little benefit from the schools unless he attends regularly. The tardiness is very noticable in most of the schools. Sometimes this may be necessary, but we think that oftener it is the fault of the parents rather than the pupils.

All persons sending scholars to school should insist upon punctual and regular attendance, so far as possible, for it is only by your help that this fault can be corrected.

We have made, during the past year, but few necessary repairs on the school buildings, but during the coming year it will be necessary to paint some of the buildings, and make some other more extensive repairs.

The school terms will begin April 10, Sept. 4, Dec. 4.

R. V. SAWIN,	} <i>School Committee.</i>
J. R. BROWN,	
G. H. STREETER,	

ENROLLMENT, MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE, ETC.

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Town Warrant.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

HAMPDEN SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Brimfield,

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Brimfield, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield, Monday, the third day of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year ; also all committees and agents the business of the town may require. All officers required by law to be chosen by ballot (except Moderator and Town Clerk) must be on one ballot. The polls will be open at half-past ten o'clock a. m., and may be closed at half-past two o'clock p. m.

ART. 3. To hear reports of officers and agents heretofore chosen by the town, and act thereon.

ART. 4. To raise money for the support of schools, highways, bridges, payment of town debts, and to defray expenses for the ensuing year, and direct how the same shall be expended.

ART. 5. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 6. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the current year ; also

to borrow money to renew, replace, or pay any existing loan, or any part thereof.

ART. 7. To see if the town will allow a discount on taxes if paid within certain periods, or act thereon.

ART. 8. To see what disposition the town will make of its dog fund, or act thereon.

ART. 9. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use the means for collecting the taxes which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed collector.

ART. 10. To see if the town will cause to be printed the reports of its officers or agents, or any part of the same.

ART. 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any money for state aid.

ART. 12. To bring in their votes, "Yes," or "No," upon the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 13. To see what sum of money (if any) the town will appropriate for Decoration Day.

ART. 14. To see if the town will discontinue the old road leading from near the barn of Henry Blodgett to its junction with the Dunhamtown and Palmer road, or act thereon.

ART. 15. To see if the town will discontinue as a public way and leave open as a private way the road leading from near the house of Josiah Stebbins to the house of Geo. F. Holdridge,—also the road leading from near the house of Jonathan C. Dix to its junction with the Tower Hill road,—also the road over Chamberlain Mountain from its junction with the East Hill road to the John Shaw place, so called, or act thereon.

ART. 16. To see if the town will change its system of electing its town officers.

ART. 17. To see if the town will discontinue as a public way and leave open as a private way the road leading from the house of Mrs. Angenett Gould to the Harlow B. Kibbe place, so-called.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested

copy of the same at the Town Hall, one at the Center Post Office, and by mailing a copy to the Post Office at East Brimfield, and by mailing, or otherwise sending, a copy to Fosket's Mills and the Depot at West Brimfield, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said Brimfield, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of March, in year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three.

MOSES H. BAKER,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
FRANK R. NEWTON,	
F. EDGAR BROWN.	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Brimfield.</i>

Annual Reports.

Brimfield, Mass.

1894.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD,

FOR THE

Year Ending March 5, 1894.

PALMER, MASS.:
PRESS OF C. B. FISKE & CO.
1894.

Town Officers for 1893 and '94.

CLERK AND TREASURER.

GEORGE M. HITCHCOCK.

SELECTMEN.

M. H. BAKER, F. R. NEWTON, F. EDGAR BROWN.

ASSESSORS.

SANFORD BOOTH, JOHN L. BACON,
EDWARD H. MORGAN.

COLLECTOR.

*JOHN L. BACON, FRANK G. HITCHCOCK.

AUDITORS.

CHARLES C. BROWN, WILLIAM A. JANES.

CONSTABLES.

FRANCIS E. COOK, CHARLES E. BACON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

JAMES R. BROWN, Term expires 1894,
GEO. H. STREETER, Term expires 1895,
R. V. SAWIN, Term expires 1896.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

FRANCIS E. COOK, PHILIP BURNS,
ORRIN Q. MOORE.

FENCE VIEWERS.

OSCAR D. WELDS,

W. S. JANES,

F. E. COOK.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

GEO. M. HITCHCOCK,

E. LIVERMORE,

Term expires 1894

E. W. POTTER,

" " 1895

LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

LOUIS S. BROWN, REBECCA M. LINCOLN, Term expires 1894

†J. M. RUSSELL, MRS. J. H. NOYES, " " 1895

REV. W. K. PEIRCE,

‡GEORGIANA WHITEHOUSE, } Term expires 1896

M. ANNA TARBELL, G. M. HITCHCOCK, Term expires 1894

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

A. D. THOMAS, Term expires 1894,

B. W. CHARLES, Term expires 1895,

C. E. BACON, Term expires 1896.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER.

W. P. HOLDEN, H. L. CONVERSE, T. J. MORGAN,

D. W. FOSKET, NORMAN S. POWERS.

FIELD DRIVERS.

NEWTON S. HUBBARD.

GEO. E. HITCHCOCK,

GEO. C. PLYMPTON.

POUND KEEPER.

GEO. M. HITCHCOCK.

SEXTON.

GEO. M. HITCHCOCK.

Assessors' Report, 1894.

Number of residents assessed on property :—

Individuals,	229
All others,	7

Total,	236
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Number of non-residents assessed on property :—

Individuals,	70
All others,	6

Total,	76
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Number of persons assessed on property.	312
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“ “ “ poll tax only,	91
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Total,	403
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Number of polls assessed,	272
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Tax on each poll, \$2.00.

Value of assessed personal estate,	\$65,272.00
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Value of buildings, excluding land,	\$155,675.00
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Value of land, excluding buildings,	198,108.00
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Total real,	\$353,783.00
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Total valuation, real and personal,	\$419,055.00
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Tax on poll,	\$ 544.00
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Tax on personal estate,	1,207.53
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Tax on real estate,	6,508.88
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Total tax,	\$8,260.41
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Rate per \$1,000, \$18.50.

Number of horses assessed,	271
Cows “	848
Sheep “	220
Neat cattle other than cows assessed,	354
Swine assessed,	111
Dwelling houses assessed,	229
Acres of land assessed,	20,736 11-12

APPROPRIATIONS, 1893.

For highways.	\$1,500.00
Bridges,	100.00
Snow paths,	150.00
Schools,	1,400.00
Salary of School Superintendent,	225.00
Services of School Committee,	50.00
Conveyance, text books, etc.,	200.00
Schoolhouse repairs,	150.00
Support of paupers,	1,100.00
Officers' Salaries,	500.00
Town debt and interest,	800.00
Miscellaneous expenses,	800.00
Memorial Day,	50.00
Military aid,	50.00
Total,	<u>\$7,075.00</u>
State aid,	500.00
County tax,	567.20
Total,	<u>\$8,142.20</u>
Overlayings,	118.21
Total amount raised by taxation,	<u>\$8,260.41</u>

SANFORD BOOTH,
JOHN L. BACON,
EDWARD H. MORGAN, } Assessors
 of
 Brimfield.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

1893.

April,	Appropriations for deficiency on Snow and Pauper account debt and interest for 1892 and 1893,	\$800.00
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PAYMENTS.

On deficiency of Snow account,	\$333.78
On deficiency of Pauper account,	218.16
Balance carried to account of debt and interest,	248.06
	<hr/> \$800.00

MISCELANEOUS BILLS PAID FOR 1892-3.

Order No.

3.	Howard Booth, wood and care school- house No. 7,	\$ 3.00
6.	E. E. Tarbell, conveyance of pupils,	5.00
7.	C. H. George, conveyance of pupils,	8.25
9.	Wilbur G. Parker, snow,	12.75
12.	Ida R. Agard, teaching No. 3,	71.50
13.	Arthur C. Davenport, care No. 2,	3.00
14.	Laura Kenney, wood and care No. 6.	3.75
15.	Fannie D. Traverse, teaching No. 7,	78.00
17.	H. L. Converse, goods for Miss Carrol,	6.75
50.	R. V. Sawin, services as School Com- mittee,	8.33
87.	Thomas A. Harwood, snow,	8.10
36.	F. R. Newton, snow,	3.15
51.	Orrin Q. Moore, snow,	4.15
113.	J. L. Bacon, guide posts,	3.28
		<hr/> \$219.56

EXPENDITURES FOR 1893-4.

HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation,	\$1,500.00
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PAYMENTS.

Orders paid B. W. Charles,	\$399.61	
A. D. Thomas,	499.57	
C. E. Bacon,	459.48	
F. R. Newton,	.35	
	<u> </u>	\$1,359.01

FOR SUPPORT OF BRIDGES.

Appropriation,	\$100.00
Orders paid B. W. Charles,	\$13.69
A. D. Thomas,	29.31
C. E. Bacon,	23.52
	<u> </u>
	\$66.52

FOR SNOW PATHS.

Appropriation,	\$150.00
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PAYMENTS 1892-93 AND 1893-4.

Orders paid B. W. Charles,	\$134.80	
A. D. Thomas,	138.12	
F. R. Newton,	222.80	
C. E. Bacon,	97.40	
	<u> </u>	
	\$593.12	
Less deficiencies on old bills of 1892-3,	362.28	
	<u> </u>	\$230.84

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Appropriations,	
For Wages of teachers and care of houses,	\$1400.00
Income of Massachusetts School Fund,	389.03
Received of District School Committee,	150.00
	<u> </u>
	\$1939.03

Paid for wages of teachers, fuel and care of houses for year ending March 5, 1894.

<i>Name of Teacher.</i>	<i>No of School</i>	<i>Wages for Summer Term.</i>	<i>Wages for Fall Term.</i>	<i>Wages for Winter Term.</i>	<i>Fuel and Care of Houses.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Bessie F. Brown,.....	1	\$88.00	\$86.40	\$86.40	\$63.75	\$584.55
Carrie M. Smith,.....	1	88.00	84.80	87.20		
Cornelia Ward,.....	2	70.00				
Sadie L. Macolister,.....	2		66.00	66.00	35.62	237.62
Ida R. Agard,	3	77 00	77.00	77.00	34.00	265.00
Inez A. Hunt,.....	5	65.00				
Alice J. Ormes,.....	5		66.00	71.50	26.68	229.18
Alice B. Hart,.....	6	65 00	65.00	84.00	31.00	245.00
Fanny D. Traverse,.....	7	70.00				
Inez A. Hunt,.....	7		71.50			
Edward B. Allen,.....	7			63.00	30.50	235.00
Minnie I. Kernan,.....	10	70.00				
Inez A. Hunt,.....	10			18.00		
J. Wilson Brown,.....	10			48.00	37.00	173 00
		\$593.00	\$516.70	\$601.10	\$258.55	\$1969.35

SALARY OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

Appropriation,	\$225.00
Paid Clara A. Wood as per orders for services,	\$393.75

SERVICES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Appropriation,	\$50.00
Order No.	
78. Geo. H. Streeter,	\$ 6.25
79. F. E. Cook, Agent,	6.00
205. Geo. H. Streeter,	3.00
212. F. E. Cook, Agent,	3.00
260. Geo. H. Streeter,	5.00
262. J. Reed Brown,	13.00
	\$36.25

CONVEYANCE OF PUPILS, TEXT BOOKS, ETC.

Appropriation,	\$200.00
Order No.	
34. A. C. Pinney,	10.85
77. C. H. George,	8.25
119. J. L. Stanton,	16.00
201. C. H. George,	11.25
263. C. H. George,	7.88
264. John F. Royce,	15.00
	\$69.23

FOR TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Order No.

46.	J. Reed Brown, supplies,	\$.75	
	J. Reed Brown, cartage and express,	.75	
	J. Reed Brown, supplies,	.60	
97.	Silver, Burdette & Co., books,	4.80	
101.	Springfield News Co.,	16.31	
102.	Ginn & Co.,	1.93	
128.	American Book Co.,	1.08	
164.	H. Rude, supplies,	7.00	
166.	American Book Co.,	6.34	
167.	Springfield News Co.,	16.02	
163.	Express on supplies,	.40	
163.	J. R. Brown, pail etc.,	.90	
252.	W. P. Holden, supplies,	.38	
262.	J. R. Brown, supplies,	15.65	
265.	Geo. S. Terry & Co., supplies,	1.50	
266.	American Book Co.,	38.69	
267.	Silver, Burdette & Co.,	3.60	
268.	Milton Bradley Co.,	8.04	
		<hr/>	\$124.74

SCHOOLHOUSE REPAIRS.

Appropriation,

\$150.00

Order No.

46.	J. R. Brown, repairs at No. 1,	\$ 1.50
115.	F. E. Brown, repairs, No. 1,	4.36
123.	A. J. Bagley, repairs, No. 1,	12.93
127.	F. F. Marcy, lumber, No. 1,	3.28
129.	S. Wetherbee, lead, oil, etc.,	19.50
148.	S. Wetherbee, lead, oil, etc.,	26.38
149.	C. A. Sweet, labor, No. 1,	1.15
151.	W. L. Daniels, cleaning No. 1,	4.00
152.	A. W. Pierson, painting No. 1,	9.35
152½.	Daniel Haynes, painting No. 1,	35.00
153.	Frank Holdridge, No. 1,	24.00
163.	J. R. Brown, repairs, No. 1,	2.50

165.	H. L. Converse, repairs, No. 1,	\$ 15.91	
262.	J. R. Brown, repairs, No. 2,	.75	
154.	G. F. Holdridge, repairs, No. 3,	6.29	
163.	J. R. Brown, repairs, No. 3,	3.17	
168.	J. R. Brown, repairs, No. 3,	.90	
262.	J. R. Brown, repairs, No. 3,	.40	
165.	H. L. Converse, repairs, No. 3,	1.02	
46.	J. R. Brown, repairs, N. 5,	.50	
149.	C. A. Sweet, repairs, No. 5,	20.25	
163.	J. R. Brown, repairs, No. 5,	4.05	
262.	J. R. Brown, repairs, No. 5,	.50	
46.	J. R. Brown, repairs, No. 6,	1.50	
262.	J. R. Brown, repairs, No. 6,	.50	
154.	Geo. F. Holdridge, repairs, No. 7,	14.50	
163.	J. R. Brown, repairs, No. 7,	1.00	
162.	Geo. W. Sherman, repairs, No. 8,	.79	
162.	Geo. W. Sherman, repairs, No. 10,	1.27	
		<hr/>	\$217.75

OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Appropriation, \$500.00

PAYMENTS.

SELECTMEN.

Order No.			
19.	F. R. Newton,	\$ 8.00	
23.	M. H. Baker,	5.00	
27.	F. E. Brown,	2.00	
285.	F. R. Newton,	30.00	
289.	M. H. Baker,	20.00	
290.	F. E. Brown,	16.00	
		<hr/>	\$81.00

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

19.	F. R. Newton,	\$2.00
23.	M. H. Baker,	2.00
27.	F. E. Brown,	2.00
211.	O. F. Brown,	1.00

285.	F. R. Newton,	\$ 3.00	
289.	M. H. Baker,	2.00	
290.	F. E. Brown,	3.00	
291.	G. M. Hitchcock,	8.00	
		<hr/>	\$23.00

BOARD OF HEALTH.

285.	F. R. Newton,	\$3.00	
290.	F. E. Brown,	1.00	
		<hr/>	\$4.00

ASSESSORS.

137.	E. H. Morgan,	\$36.00	
226.	Sanford Booth,	35.35	
277.	J. L. Bacon,	36.00	
		<hr/>	\$107.35

TOWN CLERK.

291.	Geo. M. Hitchcock,	\$20.00	\$20.00
	Return of marriages, births and deaths,	11.15	
	Meeting of Town Clerks at Palmer,	2.00	
		<hr/>	\$13.15

CONSTABLES.

280.	F. E. Cook, serving warrants,	\$11.50	
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TOWN TREASURER.

291.	Geo. M. Hitchcock,	\$30.00	
		<hr/>	\$30.00

LIBRARIAN.

	E. W. Carder,	\$50.00	
		<hr/>	\$50.00

SEXTON.

291.	Geo. M. Hitchcock, burials,	\$56.00	\$56.00
	Return of deaths,	6.50	6.50
	Expense of repairs at Cemetery,	2.50	2.50

COMMITTEE IN SETTLEMENT WITH OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Geo. M. Hitchcock, one day,	\$2.00	
Making report,	4.00	
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		\$411.00

MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES.

Appropriation,		\$800.00
Order No,		
23. M. H. Baker, self and team to Palmer,	1.50	
28. F. R. Newton, record book,	1.00	
30. E. W. Carder, janitor,	8.33	
39. Palmer Journal, for Town Reports,	45.00	
40. F. A. Smith, Insurance, almshouse,	17.00	
45. State Bank tax, overpaid,	23.53	
48. Cosmopolitan Magazine for Library,	3.00	
49. N. Y. Magazine and Book Union for Library,	8.40	
55. W. L. Daniels, work on common,	2.25	
56. E. W. Carder, janitor and repairs,	9.45	
81. Springfield News Co. Record book,	2.00	
82. W. W. McClench, legal services,	3 00	
84. Est. H. F. Brown. 53 Town Histories,	79.50	
85. E. W. Carder, janitor and express,	8.78	
93. F. E. Brown, posts for cemetery,	.72	
99. F. E. Cook, mowing cemetery,	18.00	
100. W. L. Daniels, repairing walks on com- mon,	6.75	
104. Springfield P. & B. Co., binding Town Histories,	15.90	
109. E. W. Carder, janitor,	8.33	
117. Town of Wales. Taxes,	3.06	
118. Josiah Stebbins, wood for town house,	18.00	
120. E. W. Carder, janitor and cutting wood,	8.83	
125. Dewolf, Fish & Co., books for Library,	6.50	
135. Palmer Journal Co., tax bills,	2.50	

138.	C. A. Sweet, repairs at town hall,	\$.60
139.	S. Wetherbee, chain for stovepipe,	.80
140.	M. Egan, painting town hall, fence and posts,	301.50
142.	Geo. M. Hitchcock, for collector's book,	.75
144.	E. A. Buck & Co., oil for town house,	4.05
145.	H. A. Northrop, officer's fees,	2.57
150.	F. F. Marcy, lumber for staging,	6.40
158.	F. E. Brown, " " "	4.02
159.	E. W. Carder, janitor,	8.33
160.	W. L. Daniels, labor at town house,	10.84
161.	J. F. Lombard, carting oil and lumber,	1.50
173.	C. S. Tarbell, wood for town house,	20.25
175.	F. A. Smith, insurance on town hall,	112.50
176.	C. Alexander, officer's fees,	3.77
180.	E. W. Carder, janitor and cash for labor,	9.53
181.	F. E. Brown, shavings for town hall,	1.10
1.	E. W. Carder, janitor and repairs,	9.08
187.	W. A. Janes, ballot clerk,	2.00
204.	W. L. Daniels, cutting wood at town house,	8.00
206.	C. L. Gould, police officer,	2.00
209.	F. R. Newton, for watching fire,	4.50
207.	E. W. Carder, janitor,	8.33
211.	Oscar F. Brown, ballot clerk and teller,	3.00
216.	Greenough & Adams, record book,	2.75
220.	Geo. M. Hitchcock, paper and record book,	7.20
222.	N. Y. Magazine and Book Union for Library,	20.00
227.	E. W. Carder, janitor,	8.33
230.	J. W. Hastings, return of birth,	.25
235.	A. W. Fisher, repairs at town hall,	5.00
236.	O. W. Studley, officer's fees,	44.73
237.	E. W. Carder, janitor,	8.33
269.	Estes & Lauriat, books for library,	101.37
271.	R. V. Sawin, return of births,	1.00
273.	Town of Palmer, supplies for J. W. Goss,	28.75

274.	O. W. Studley, officer's fees, Starkey and Kibbe case,	\$ 15.99	
275.	G. F. Chamberlain, return of births,	1.00	
278.	E. W. Carder, janitor and supplies,	9.77	
279.	Porter A. Parker, inspector of cattle,	16.50	
280.	F. E. Cook, services in Goss case,	2.50	
281.	C. L. Gould, services in Kibbe case,	11.00	
285.	F. R. Newton, expenses in Starkey case, etc.,	13.28	
283.	S. S. Taft, services at fire inquest,	15.00	
289.	M. H. Baker, self and team to Palmer,	1.50	
290.	F. E. Brown, boards for town house,	.35	
291.	G. M. Hitchcock, express and postage,	16.37	
293.	R. V. Sawin, 1 visit J. W. Goss,	1.00	
294.	Andrew Ledoyt, damage on highway,	3.75	
295.	W. J. Easter, " "	4.75	
300.	C. E. Bacon, service in Kibbe case,	5.00	
		<hr/>	\$1,172.22

FOR STATE AND MILITARY AID.

Appropriation,	\$50.00	
And repaid by state,	463.00	
	<hr/>	\$513.00

PAYMENTS.

Levi W. Emerson, military,	96.00	
Olive M. Groves, state aid,	48.00	
Alonzo Allen, state aid,	36.00	
Mary A. Brownell, state aid,	24.00	
Austin N. Moulton and wife, state aid,	60.00	
Alvin E. Sibley, state aid,	48.00	
Harriet A. Streeter,	40.00	
Dennis Smith,	36.00	
Margaret H. Marsh,	48.00	
Elmer W. Carder and wife,	60.00	
Francis E. Cook,	12.00	
Francis A. Wood,	3.00	
	<hr/>	\$511.00

COUNTY TAX.

Paid W. C. Marsh, Treasurer,	\$567.20
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STATE TAX.

Paid Geo. A. Marden, Treasurer,	\$500.00
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TOWN DEBT AND INTEREST.

Appropriation,		\$248.06
Order No.		
83. Interest paid Palmer Savings Bank,	\$56.25	
202. Interest paid Palmer Savings Bank,	72.36	
215. Interest paid Palmer Savings Bank,	.80	
Balance unexpended,	118.65	
	<hr/>	\$248.06

Collector's Report.

CHENEY NEWTON, COLLECTOR FOR 1891.

1892.	Dr.	
March 7.	To Balance uncollected,	\$154.44
	Cr.	
March 5.	By Cash,	\$36.52
	Balance of Tax of 1891 uncollected,	117.92
		<hr/> \$154.44

CHENEY NEWTON, *Collector.*

ALBERT G. TARBELL, COLLECTOR FOR 1892.

1893.	Dr.	
March 6.	To Balance of Tax of 1892 uncollected,	\$899.50
	Cr.	
April 3.	By Cash,	\$126.90
May 18.	By Cash,	367.16
Aug. 30.	By Cash,	82.27
	Balance uncollected for 1892,	323.17
		<hr/> \$899.50

A. G. TARBELL, *Collector.*

FRANK G. HITCHCOCK, COLLECTOR FOR 1893.

1894.	Dr.	
March 5.	To tax of 1893,	\$8,248.17
	Cr.	
	By Cash,	\$7,043.85
	Balance of tax uncollected,	1,204.33
		<hr/> \$8,248.17

F. G. HITCHCOCK, *Collector.*

FARM PRODUCTS IN 1893.

English hay, 12 tons.
 Meadow hay, 12 tons.
 Mowed oats, 3 tons.
 Corn stover, 4 tons.
 Fodder corn, 6 tons,
 Rowen, 2 tons,
 Rye straw, $1\frac{1}{4}$ tons,
 Rye, 24 bushels.
 Corn, 30 bushels.
 Good potatoes, 70 bushels.
 Small potatoes, 30 bushels.
 Beets, 4 bushels.
 Parsnips, 2 bushels,
 Tomatoes, 5 bushels.
 Peas, 2 bushels,
 Beans, 2 bushels,
 Squash, 150 pounds.
 Cucumbers, 1 bushel,
 Apples, 3 barrels.
 Pork, 2,157 pounds.
 Beef, 1,000 pounds.
 Chickens, 55 pounds.
 Eggs, 145 dozen.
 Wood cut on lot, 27 cords,
 Cream sold, \$377.91.
 Due for month of February, \$32.00.

 INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMS-
 HOUSE, MARCH 1, 1894.

1 Horse,	\$125.00	
1 Horse,	100.00	
11 Cows,	275.00	
8 Pigs,	25.00	
40 fowls,	20.00	\$545.00
10 Tons English hay,	150.00	
4 Tons meadow hay,	24.00	

25 Bushels rye,	22.50	
1½ Bushels buckwheat,	1.00	
20 Bushels shelled corn,	10.00	
Meal and feed,	7.00	\$214.50
Farming tools, wood, etc.,	399.60	399.60
Provisions,	107.42	107.42
Household furniture,	312.70	312.70
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		\$1,579.22
Inventory, February 25, 1893,	\$1,694.07	
Loss on inventory,	114.85	
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	\$1,579.22	

PAYMENTS FOR LABOR.

1793.

June 5.	O. Moore, for planting corn,	\$ 3.50
July 31.	C. B. Streeter, for 8 days' labor,	20.00
	C. Stowell, for 8 days' labor,	10.00
Aug. 22.	Sizer, for threshing rye 1¾ days,	2 50
Sept. 27.	Man for 10 days' work,	3.00
28.	J. M. Robbins, for 26 weeks's work,	26.00
Oct. 30.	Man for 7 days' work,	3.25
Dec. 22.	P. White, for butchering,	2.00

1894.

Jan. 1.	Mr. Stanton, for work,	1.00
6.	Tramp, for packing ice,	2.00
10.	Mr. Smith, for drawing ice 2½ days,	3.75
11.	Mr. Stanton, work on tramp room,	1.25
20.	Mrs. O'Neil, for washing 3 days,	2.90
	For chopping 4 cords wood,	3.00
Feb. 26.	H. Streeter, for 4 weeks' work,	12.00
28.	Mary McMahon, for 5 weeks' work,	10.00
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		\$106.25

PAYMENTS FOR SUPPORT OF POOR AT ALMSHOUSE.

Appropriations,		\$1,100.00
Order No.		
29.	J. A. McKinstry, services as warden,	33.33
38.	Frank G. Hitchcock, goods,	13.68
50.	R. V. Sawin, medical attendance,	7.50
61.	F. G. Hitchcock, goods,	36.11
86.	F. G. Hitchcock, " "	16.43
98.	J. A. McKinstry, services as warden,	106.25
111.	F. G. Hitchcock, goods,	13.58
122.	H. L. Converse, " "	8.11
132.	J. A. McKinstry, services as warden,	106.25
133.	J. A. McKinstry, for use at almshouse,	75.00
134.	F. G. Hitchcock, goods,	14.52
136.	F. E. Cook, goods for paupers,	.75
	F. E. Cook, services as overseer of poor,	8.00
170.	Palmer Journal for printing tramp tickets,	2.00
208.	H. L. Converse, goods,	10.78
213.	F. G. Hitchcock, goods,	40.87
224.	H. L. Converse, goods,	8.79
225.	J. A. McKinstry, cash and salary,	166.25
240.	F. G. Hitchcock,	24.91
271.	R. V. Sawin, medical attendance,	17.00
280.	F. E. Cook, services as overseer,	13.10
282.	J. A. McKinstry, services as warden,	70.80
	J. A. McKinstry, cash for use,	53.36
287.	F. G. Hitchcock, goods,	3.40
293.	R. V. Sawin, medical attendance,	30.00
296.	Geo. M. Hitchcock, casket, robe, etc., for John Carroll,	22.50
297.	J. W. F. Quinlan, burial of John Carroll,	10.00
298.	Philip Burns, services as overseer,	15.00
		———— \$ 928.27

PAYMENTS FOR SUPPORT OF POOR OUTSIDE OF ALMSHOUSE.

Order No.		
8.	E. Livermore, shoes for Harness family,	\$ 3.00
16.	L. B. McCrellis, support Eugene McCrellis,	4.33

32.	Northampton Hospital for Achsa Hill,	\$ 41.79
41.	L. B. McCrellis, support Eugene McCrellis,	4.34
50.	R. V. Sawin, medical attendance on Ellen Harness,	51.00
53.	L. B. McCrellis, support Eugene McCrellis,	4.33
57.	Mrs. Hannon, aid to Miss Carroll,	13.90
58.	E. W. Hitchcock, goods for Harness family,	2.95
62.	H. L. Converse, goods for Harness family,	3.75
80.	L. B. McCrellis, support Eugene McCrellis,	4.33
103.	City of Brockton, aid to Dearth family,	6.87
105.	Northampton Hospital for Achsa Hill,	42.25
106.	L. B. McCrellis, support Eugene McCrellis,	4.33
107.	L. B. McCrellis, support Eugene McCrellis,	4.33
126.	R. V. Sawin, medical attendance W. H. Brewster,	3.00
136.	F. E. Cook, expenses and services,	15.00
146.	L. B. McCrellis, support Eugene McCrellis,	4.34
147.	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, support Rosa Hitchcock,	55.71
171.	Northampton Hospital, support of Achsa Hill,	42.71
172.	Westboro Hospital, support of Rosa Hitchcock,	42.72
177.	L. B. McCrellis, support of Eugene McCrellis,	8.67
212.	F. E. Cook, goods for Rosa Hitchcock,	8.10
214.	L. B. McCrellis, support of Eugene McCrellis,	4.33
221.	City of Brockton, aid to Dearth family,	10.08
228.	L. B. McCrellis, support of Eugene McCrellis,	4.33
231.	Westboro Hospital, for Rosa Hitchcock,	20.72
232.	Northampton Hospital, for Achsa Hill,	42.71
270.	Town of Warren, for Moran family,	8.95
271.	R. V. Sawin, medical attendance,	10.00
272.	L. B. McCrellis, support of Eugene McCrellis,	4.33
280.	F. E. Cook, expenses and services,	15.00
50.	R. V. Sawin, Miss Carroll 7 visits,	14.00

\$506.20

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
TOWN OF BRIMFIELD.

DR.

1883.

Feb. 25.	To farm as appraised,	\$4000.00	
	Neat stock,	696.50	
	Hay and grain,	171.75	
	Farming tools, wood, etc.,	416.00	
	Household furniture,	304.04	
	Provisions,	105.78	
	Interest on above at 4 per cent,	227.76	
	Orders paid for almshouse,	892.17	
	Orders paid for outside poor,	476.20	
	Services of Overseers of the Poor at almshouse,	36.10	
	Services of Overseers of the Poor for outside poor,	30.00	
	Due city of Brocton for aid to Dearth family, estimated,	20.00	
	Due Northampton Hospital for support of Achsa Hill, es- timated,	28.00	
		<hr/>	\$7404.30

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1894.

Mar. 1.	By farm as appraised,	\$4000.00
	Neat stock,	545.00
	Hay and grain,	214.50
	Farming tools, wood etc.,	399.60
	Provisions,	107.42
	Household furniture.	312.70
	Due from state on Brewster case,	3.00
	Due from state on Harness case, estimated,	60.70
	Due from F. W. Fenton,	8.00
	Due from John Elliot,	9.90
	Due from Worcester County Creamery,	32.00

Mar. 1. By Cash on hand,	41.45	
Balance amount it cost to support the poor,	1470.03	
	<hr/>	\$7404.30
From amount it has cost to support the poor,	\$1434.47	
Deduct the expense of outside poor,	506.20	
	<hr/>	\$928.27

Average number at almshouse, $9\frac{1}{4}$.

Number of weeks board of inmates, 481.

Board of 1365 tramps estimated at $\frac{3}{4}$ day each. 146 weeks.

Total number of weeks' board furnished, 627.

Cost of each week's board at almshouse, \$2.41.

The cost of tramps if reckoned with inmates would reduce the price per week to \$1.48.

Making cost of inmates,	\$711.88	
Making cost of tramps,	216.08	
	<hr/>	\$927.96

CHARLES C. BROWN, }
 PORTER A. PARKER, } *Committee.*
 W. J. EASTER, }

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The trustees of the Public Library submit the following :

Trustees of Brimfield Public Library in account with the town of Brimfield :

	DR.	
1893, March 6, Balance unexpended,	\$158.96	
Dog fund appropriated, March 6, 1893,	106.14	
	<hr/>	\$ 265.10
	CR.	
Cosmopolitan Magazine,	3.00	
New York Magazine and Book Union for Magazines,	8.40	
DeWolf, Fish & Co., for books,	6.50	
New York Magazine and Book Union for Magazines,	20.00	
Estes and Lauriet for books,	101.37	
Balance unexpended,	125.83	
	<hr/>	\$ 265.10

GEO. M. HITCHCOCK, *Treasurer.*

Vacancies occurred in the trustee board through the resignation of Miss Whitehouse and absence of Mr. J. M. Russell which were filled according to the requirements of the law by the election of George M. Hitchcock and Miss M. Anna Tarbell.

The interest in the Library is fully sustained, especially among the younger portion of the community.

The opening of the Library on Sunday has proved a decided success, judging by the numbers that visit it at that time, it being especially convenient for people living in the outskirts of the town.

There is great demand for the magazines, and although they have been thus widely circulated they have been all gathered in and in good condition for being bound. The bound volumes of magazines are also largely called for.

The Library has been the recipient of a valuable edition of Shakespeare from Mr. Appleton Morgan.

During the year one hundred and fourteen books have been purchased.

The need is felt for a new catalogue of the books. The committee are considering the matter and express themselves willing to devote the time necessary for the work gratuitously.

W. K. PEIRCE,	}	<i>Trustees of Public Library.</i>
L. W. NOYES,		
M. A. TARBELL,		
R. M. LINCOLN,		
GEO. M. HITCHCOCK,		

APPROPRIATIONS AND PAYMENTS FOR 1893-4.

	Appropriations.		Payments.
Highway repairs,		\$1,500.00	\$1,359.01
Bridges,		100.00	66.52
Snow paths,		150.00	230.84
Schools,	\$1,400.00		
Income of school fund,	389.03		
Income of school fund,	150.00		
School superintendent,	225.00		
Services of School Committee,	50.00		
Conveyance, text books and supplies,	200.00	2,414.03	2,773.90
Schoolhouse repairs,		150.00	217.75
Support of paupers,		1,100.00	1,434.47
Officers' salaries,		500.00	411.00
Miscellaneous expenses,		800.00	1,172.22
County tax,			567.20
State tax,			500.00
State and military aid,	50.00		
Repaid by state,	463.00	513.00	511.00
Memorial Day,		50.00	
Deficiency in snow and pauper account, also debt and interest,		800.00	681.35

Treasurer's Report.

Geo. M. Hitchcock, in account with the Town of Brimfield.
DR.

1893.

March	7.	To cash on hand,	\$2,234.44
April	3.	Cash received of George H. Streeter for wood used at school house by Christian Endeavor Society,	1.75
	10.	Cash received of Judge George Robinson, balance due town on criminal cases,	7.52
June	3.	Cash received of A. H. Stebbins for lot No. 256 in Brimfield Cemetery,	10.00
	5.	Cash received of Nelson Clapper for old trees on Common,	.75
	12.	Cash received of O. S. Parker for lot No. 288 in Brimfield Cemetery,	8.00
July	1.	Cash borrowed of Palmer Savings Bank,	800.00
Sept.	1.	Cash received from J. R. Brown from state for support of schools,	150.00
	30.	Cash received of Judge George Robinson, due town on criminal cases,	5.00

Dec. 12.	Cash received of Geo. E. Littlefield, histories sold,	\$ 5.00	
	Cash received of Treasurer of Commonwealth, Corporation Tax,	449.25	
	National Bank Tax,	168.34	
	Military Aid,	48.00	
	State Aid,	369.00	
Jan. 1.	Cash received for one history sold,	2.00	
26.	Cash received of State Treasurer on Income of Mass. School Fund,	389.03	
27.	Cash received of County Treasurer, Dog Fund,	108.79	
Feb. 26.	Cash received of J. R. Brown, stove and pipe sold,	1.75	
March 5.	Cash received of Cheney Newton on tax of 1891, uncollected,	36.52	
	Cash received of A. G. Tarbell to date on tax of 1892, uncollected,	576.33	
	Cash received of F. G. Hitchcock on tax of 1893 to date,	7,043.85	
	Cash received of E. W. Carder for use of Town Hall,	80.66	
		<hr/>	\$12,495.98

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For Highway repairs,	\$1,362.29	
Bridges,	66.52	
Snow paths,	593.12	
Schools,	2,773.90	
Schoolhouses,	217.75	
Paupers,	1,441.22	
Salaries,	411.00	
Miscellaneous expenses,	2,750.42	
Debt and interest,	929.41	
Balance on hand,	1,950.35	
	<hr/>	\$12,495.98

The undersigned, having examined the foregoing accounts and the vouchers therefor, find them correct.

CHARLES C. BROWN, }
WILLIAM A. JANES, } *Auditors.*

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

ASSETS.

1894.

March 5.	Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$1,950.35	
	Due from State Aid to soldiers,	419.00	
	Balance of tax of 1891,	117.92	
	Balance of tax of 1892,	323.17	
	Balance of tax of 1893,	1,204.32	
	Due from state on Brewster case, estimated,	3.00	
	Due from state on Harness case, estimated,	60.70	
	Due from 2d Congregational church and society, April 12th, 1894, use of hall,	125.00	
	Due from state, support of school superintendent,	225.00	
	Due from Wilbur G. Parker for Hollow schoolhouse,	20.00	
		<hr/>	\$4,448.46

LIABILITIES.

March 5.	Due Palmer Savings Bank, note and interest, March 1, 1894,	\$2,828.13	
	Due City of Brockton, aid to Dearth family, estimated,	20.00	
	Due Northampton Hospital, sup- port of Achsa M. Hill, estimated,	28.00	
	Balance of assets on liabilities,	1,572.33	
		<hr/>	\$4,448.46

HARRIET ALLEN FUND.

Principal in Springfield Institution for Savings,
Jan. 1st, 1894, \$243.40

M. M. GOODALE FUND.

Principal in Springfield Institution for Savings,
Jan. 1st, 1894, \$53.56

Report of the Town Clerk.

INSURANCE ON TOWN PROPERTY.

Expires.	Name of Company.	Property.	Amount.	
Oct. 17, 1898	Royal of Liverpool	Town House	\$1,650	
Oct. 17, 1898	Royal of Liverpool	Furniture, etc.	850	
Oct. 17, 1898	Hartford	Town House	1,650	
Oct. 17, 1898	Hartford	Furniture, etc.	850	
Mar. 22, 1894	Ins. Co. of North America	Town House	2,000	
			<hr/>	\$7,000
Jan. 20, 1896	Ætna of Hartford	Public Library		1,500
April 25, 1896	Quincy Mutual	Almshouse	\$1,700	
Feb. 1, 1897	Ætna of Hartford	Almshouse	700	
Feb. 1, 1897	Ætna of Hartford	Furniture	400	
Feb. 1, 1897	Ætna of Hartford	Ice House	100	
July 15, 1894	Ætna of Hartford	Almshouse barn	1,800	
Dec. 1, 1894	Phoenix of Brooklyn	Hoghouse	100	
Dec. 1, 1894	Phoenix of Brooklyn	Hay, grain, tools	400	
Dec. 1, 1894	Phoenix of Brooklyn	Live stock	500	
			<hr/>	\$5,700
Dec. 1, 1896	Ætna of Hartford	Schoolhouse No. 1	\$2,700	
Aug. 8, 1894	Ætna of Hartford	Schoolhouse No. 2	1,000	
			<hr/>	\$3,700
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				\$17,900

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1893.

Date.	Bridegroom.	Residence.	Bride.	Residence.
1893.				
Mar. 25,	Harry A. Carpenter,	Sturbridge,	Lottie E. Wells,	Sturbridge.
July 3,	Napoleon Fevro,	Brimfield,	Filenoze Largness,	Sturbridge.
Aug. 2,	Seprin Dunn,	Brimfield,	Lucy Miner,	Sturbridge.
Sept. 14,	Charles S. Stuart,	No. Brookfield,	Lillian M. Brown,	Brimfield.
Sept. 23,	F. Edgar Brown,	Brimfield,	Addie L. Dodge,	Buckland.
Oct. 4,	John McIntire,	Brimfield,	Delia Scott,	Sturbridge.
Nov. 30,	George F. Carfew,	Sturbridge,	Mary L. Roland.	Sturbridge

BIRTHS RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1893.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child.	Sex.	Name of Parents.
Mar. 5,	Stanley Cutter Hicks	M.,	Orrin and Julia (Blashfield) Hicks.
May 6,	Munroe Gifford Tarbell,	M.,	Charles S and Lizzie (Munroe) Tarbell.
June 15,	George Kenny Hitchcock,	M.,	George E. and Mary (Kenny) Hitchcock.
July 18,	William Everett Perkins,	M.,	Everett Perkins and Susie (Stone) Linnes.
July 22,	Elsie Irene Corbin,	F.,	Chas. M. & Georgiana (Coleman) Corbin.
Sept. 15,	George Martin McCrillis,	M.,	Orrin and Clara () McCrillis.
Oct. 14,	Charles Wilfred St. George,	M.,	Joneph & Minnie (Reynolds) St. George.
Nov. 20,	Clarence George Pero,	M.,	Henry J. and Georgiana (Dion) Pero.
Dec. 3,	Milton Clifford Plimpton,	M.,	Geo. C. & Emma (Davenport) Plimpton.
Dec. 16,	Maud Ida Hitchcock,	F.,	Frank G. and Ida (Dimmick) Hitchcock.

DEATHS RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD 1893.

Date of Death.	Name.	Cause of Death.	Age		
			Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Jan. 21,	John Gates,	Pneumonia,	72	4	10
Feb. 8,	Mary Holbrook,	Pneumonia,	62	7	9
Feb. 14,	Sabrah B. Bumsted,	Paralysis,	86		
Feb. 17,	Eliza Needham,	Pneumonia,	81	1	17
Feb. 24,	Elijah Evarts Tarbell,	Pneumonia,	62	0	22
Feb. 27,	Mary C. Converse,	Pneumonia,	61		
Mch. 1,	Alfred Lombard,	Paralysis,	82	1	17
19,	Hannah Parker,	La Grippe,	79	10	16
Apr. 12,	Merrick L. Streeter,	Epilepsy,	56	11	15
12,	Jane Newton,	Apoplexy,	74	2	26
23,	Melissa Buxton,	La Grippe,	72		
29,	John Shaw,	Heart Disease,	67		
29,	Florence E. Basnor,	Cyanosis,			1
May 10,	Madelin Morgan,	Anema,	63	5	18
15,	Wm. H. Stone,	Peritonitis,	23	4	8
16,	Walter Haynes,	Old age,	103	6	
23,	Joseph P. Brown,	Heart disease,	64	8	22
27,	Harvey Janes,	Old age,	87	4	12
29,	Child of Levi Benoit,				1
Aug. 11,	Gypsy P. Converse,	Scarlet fever,	3	1	21
27,	Rebecca Sibley,	Gastritis,	87	4	20
Sep. 16,	Hattie L. Wallace,	Typhoid fever,	15	6	17
29,	Frederick D. Thayer,	Cirrhosis of Liver,	56		
Oct. 27,	Ambrose St. George,	Paralysis,	83	11	23
Dec. 5,	Charles Shepard,	Drowning,	86	9	28
Dec. 11,	Elizabeth King,	Pneumonia,	86	5	29

PERSONS BROUGHT HERE FROM OTHER PLACES FOR BURIAL.

Date of Death.	Name.	Place of Death.	Age		
			Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Jan. 30,	Maria Maney,	Windham, Ct.	77		
Feb. 18,	Metina E. Parker,	Springfield,	17	3	12
	21, Laura McInstry,	Brookfield,	71	6	13
Mch. 26,	Melinda Utley,	Worcester,	83		
Apr. 27,	Elijah Fosket,	Tolland, Ct.,	91		5
May 5,	Sophia J. Moore,	Warren,	47	6	5
	12, Thomas K. Wood,	Boston,	35	10	12
July 1,	Mary Wheeler,	Rome, N. Y.,	78		
Aug. 6,	Harriet Parker,	Wales,	67		
	22, Mary H. Tower,	Springfield,	74	10	17
	24, Stella Leno,	Warren,		3	5
	25, Ella S. Haynes,	New York City,	34	9	16
Nov. 9,	Milton Pepper,	Eastern, Pa.,	60		
	19, Isabel L. Brown,	Maynard, Pa.,	41	11	7
Dec. 3,	Sophia P. Morse,	Pontiac, Mich.,	72	4	
	19, Sarah C. Blair,	Springfield,	72		

Report of School Superintendent.

To the School Committee:—

My second report, and the fourth in the superintendency in the town, is respectfully submitted.

The number of town pupils in the high school in 1893-4 is forty-three. Sixteen are taking the English course, one Latin-Scientific, thirteen College-Preparatory, while thirteen are registered as present during the year as special students. This is a goodly number for the size of the town, yet there are in the district schools a number who should be studying to enter the high school. This number referred to consists mostly of boys, who attend for the winter term and very irregular at that. They are able and studious; a higher education would benefit them and it is a pity that with a high school in the town they should be deprived of its advantages.

In visiting the schools where the teachers have remained for any length of time, two impressions are distinctly received, one is the pleasant and helpful feeling which exists between teacher and pupil, the other the interest that pupils are taking in their work. When the teacher is enthusiastic the pupils imbibe the same spirit and are also enthusiastic. To one whose time is spent in inspecting schools and their work these are encouraging signs.

During the year the reading of the pupils in our schools has received special attention. That the habit of reading is formed while young is almost a self-evident truth. Charles Dudley Warner said in a paper written some time ago, "I am seeking one of the reasons why the young read nothing but trash," and he finds it in the fact that their parents read trash. This statement is only partially true. Another view is to be taken into consideration, that is, that many children in the district schools do not have access to the libraries, and since the free text book system has been introduced they have no

school books at home ; in many districts a newspaper is rarely seen. Consequently they are not acquiring a love for good reading.

The readers of very recent date have been unsatisfactory, containing little else than diluted material or selections for elocutionary effect, as though students were unable to digest mentally any nourishing food. It is interesting to inspect the readers of fifty years ago and read the good, solid articles which were placed in the hands of the young. The selections are from Addison, Dryden, Goldsmith and abound in descriptions, biographies, in strong contrast with the readers of recent date.

Where then do our young people cultivate either a desire for trash or a dislike for a good reading? It seems to me that those in charge of public schools have a responsibility here which they cannot shirk. If the public school system is a success pupils should leave our grammar schools with a love for good literature and some knowledge of the lives of the best authors. We owe at least this to our young people. A well read person has an indefinable power wherever he may be placed.

Readers are needed for a greater knowledge of history, geography, science and literature. If pupils know only as much history as is in their textbooks their knowledge is indeed limited. The geographies are merely dictionaries and as such they are dry and uninteresting unless used in connection with books dealing with the subject in hand. Books in this line are generally so expensive that teachers must depend on the library, but books of biography, descriptions, travels, animals are necessary that pupils may be stimulated to desire the truth. A limited number of "Our American Neighbors," "Modern Europe" has been furnished. Newspapers are an inexpensive aid in geography.

Nothing has been done for the reading in connection with the science work, but this will be considered later in the report.

As the school readers were worn out and since these readers gave only fragmentary and unsatisfactory selections, complete standard poems and selections have been purchased. These were Longfellow's *Courtship of Miles Standish*, *Evangeline* and Irving's *Sketch-book*. Since these were only twelve cents each a class could be supplied for a small sum. It is probable these would be taken up in the High School when studying American literature, but as many of our young people do not remain long there it is important that they

have some knowledge of the best authors and their works in the grammar schools. It has been a serious criticism on the public school system that the graduates of the grammar schools had no knowledge of the best literature and could not read intelligently from good selections; the only way to silence this criticism is to have the pupils read the best literature.

Some time ago in one of the grammar schools of the Monson and Brimfield district pupils were requested to hand in a list of books they had read; an inspection of these books was a revelation. Forty-three papers were collected; four of the forty-three pupils had never read any book of history, biography or fiction; thirty-seven had never read any book pertaining to history or biography, but had read one or more books of fiction; eight had read from ten to twenty books of fiction during the year but had not read any book of history or biography. Such names as these appear in the lists: "The Haunted Chamber," "Shadow of a Sin," "Thorns and Orange Blossoms," for papers "Albany Telegram" and Saturday Night. There were lists also that made it very evident that parents were interested and were guiding the outside reading of the young people in our schools.

In my opinion there is no influence outside the home which will help our youth to form good habits of reading as will the school. If committees place in the hands of the teachers useful and interesting books they can be used to advantage by reading, studying the author and suggesting other books by the same authors; in this way they direct the pupils to the library, thus opening another path of education, and one which can be used after the school days are over. The library should supplement and strengthen the school work. A good beginning has been made, and if the work goes on with the co-operation of all, the youth will leave the grammar school with a love for good literature, will be able to discriminate, to cast aside that which is frivolous and injurious.

The prominent educators of the day are unanimous in the opinion that nature study should be introduced. It is a broad term and for those who do not clearly understand what is meant I will state that it includes in the primary and grammar schools a study of minerals, plants, animals, chemistry and natural phenomena for ten or fifteen minutes each day. It must be plain to all that only the elements are to be studied, and a further inspection reveals the fact that it means a

knowledge of objects and matter within one's daily observation. The study goes well with the work in geography. In many cities supervisors of this special study are appointed; in the towns the work goes on slowly, because it is as much of a study for the teacher as for the pupils since years ago students were not taught to observe the elements of the sciences which were at work around them. If the teachers are earnest in some division of nature study the pupils are wide awake. Many a scholar who dislikes his arithmetic or spelling lesson will watch for the first signs of life among the plants, will name the first insect that appears in the spring, the kinds of soil and rock found in the town. In one primary school during May or June two hundred different flowers were collected and identified by the teacher.

If the study is properly carried on pupils are taught to observe, to think, to give accurate descriptions, oral and written, to sketch what they have seen. The pupils of the towns have excellent opportunities for observation. The high school authorities criticise and justly, too, the pupils sent them in this that they have not been taught to observe. Specimens cost nothing for the continuance of this work since we have an abundance, but books are needed for more information and to supplement the study. It is hoped that purchases can be made as fast as the readers in use become worthless.

Ruskin's thought is a good one to bear in mind while considering this subject; he says, "The more I think of it, the more I find this conclusion impressed upon me that the greatest thing a human soul ever does in this world is to see something and tell what it saw in a plain way. Hundreds of people can talk for one who can think, but thousands can think for one who can see."

A second time, it is a privilege to thank the Committee for their co-operation, for the liberty allowed in carrying on this work; to speak of the faithful work of the teachers—they as a body give generously of their strength, energy and thought; to thank the citizens for the interest they have taken in the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARA A. WOOD.

Report of School Committee.

To the Citizens of Brimfield :

In making our annual report we must acknowledge that we have overrun our appropriations in the item of repairs, and while we regret it, we do not see how it could have been prevented. We found when we commenced on No. 1 there was much to do inside before painting, in order that it might be an inviting place or even respectable, as nothing had been done since it was built. The rooms were very unclean, the doors broken, and the desks cut and bruised. Therefore it was necessary to rebuild all the doors and dress over the desks, making the rooms look neat and tidy. We think it was money well spent.

No. 1 was painted both outside and in, No. 3 on the inside only, and No. 7 one coat on the outside, also inside—both of these are now looking quite nicely. We were obliged, too, to make new blackboards at No. 5, and most of the others in town were repaired somewhat.

We shall need to continue this work the present year, as No. 5 needs painting and other repairs about the doors. No. 7 should have another coat on the outside and No. 10 needs considerable repairing and painting. There are slight repairs to be made on most of the houses nearly every term, but we hope the same amount as appropriated last year will do the work for this.

We think our schools have been a success the past year as a whole—some more so than others of course—those where we could retain the teacher through the year or a term of years, having the advantage. We have been obliged to change teachers every term in some of them, which is very much of a disadvantage, as it takes a long time for teacher and pupils to get so familiar with one another's ways that good work may be done.

We meet with difficulties in getting teachers from out of town on account of the price we can pay. We have a few who wish to stay in town and will accept the wages offered, but we cannot fill all the schools, and if we send away for a low-priced teacher our chance is to get a poor one, which must soon be changed, and perhaps even then for one no better.

Another difficulty we are obliged to contend with is irregularity in attendance, absence and tardiness for which the parent is responsible, except in case of sickness.

Teachers and pupils cannot do their best work when the latter are absent, late at school, or excused during a session. Tardy and excused scholars are now counted as losing so much time and so marked in our registers.

We earnestly ask the parents to be more particular in this one thing—send your children to school every day, and all day if you would see the best results. We are glad to show that the tardinesses have been much less the year past than during the previous one, as you may see by the tables of attendance for the two years printed in this report; but there is yet room for improvement.

There have been sickness and some bad storms during the winter, which were excuses for many absences, but in most cases there was no valid reason.

There seems to be a few in town yet who do not see the benefit of a School Superintendent, and who dwell much on the cost to the town.

The town pays a *tax* of \$225, and \$225 beside, which is reimbursed by the state at the end of the year. The town also receives from the state \$150 to be applied for the use of schools, which saves raising so much by taxation. That taken from the \$225 leaves \$75 of tax. But here comes another item. The School Committee have been paid about \$100—now less than half that amount pays them, so we have less than \$25, the cost of the Superintendent to the town.

Respectfully submitted,

R. V. SAWIN, Chairman,	} <i>School Committee.</i>
GEO. H. STREETER.	
J. R. BROWN,	

March 10, 1894.

ENROLLMENT, MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE, ETC.

1892-3.

SCHOOLS.		Number Enrolled.			Average Number Belonging.			Average Number Attending.			Perfect.		Tardiness.	
Intermediate	} Center	18	13	6	12	3	90	4	28					
Primary		28	22		20	2	91	8	31					
East Brimfield.		23	14	1	11	7	82		122					
West Brick.		17	11	4	10	3	90		124					
Tower Hill.		17	11	4	10	5	93	9	82					
Northeast.		21	13	1	11	3	86		177					
Dunhamtown		20	15	4	13	7	88		28					
West Brimfield		17	14		12		85		64					
		161	115		102				656					

ENROLLMENT, MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE, ETC.

1893-4.

SCHOOLS.	Number Enrolled.	Average Number Belonging.	Average Number Attending.	Perfect.	Tardiness.
Intermediate } Center	23	16 2	14 7 90		61
Primary }	27	19 6	18 6 95	2	21
East Brimfield	12	12	9 1 76		*18
West Brick	18	13 3	12 7 91		53
Tower Hill	11	10 6	9 7 92		40
Northeast	18	13 7	12 2 88		36
Dunhamtown	16	12 3	10 4 84		48
West Brimfield	9	7 7	7 1 92		12
	134	105 4	94 5		289

*One term.

Town Warrant.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

HAMPDEN SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Brimfield,

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Brimfield, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the town hall in said Brimfield, Monday, the second day of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, also all committees and agents the business of the town may require.

ART. 3. To hear reports of officers and agent heretofore chosen by the town, and act thereon.

ART. 4. To raise money for the support of schools, highways, bridges, payment of town debts, and to defray expenses for the ensuing year, and direct how the same shall be expended.

ART. 5. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the selectmen.

ART. 6. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the current year ; also to borrow money to renew, replace, or pay any existing loan, or any part thereof.

ART. 7. To see if the town will allow a discount on taxes if paid within certain periods, or act thereon.

ART. 8. To see what disposition the town will make of its dog fund, or act thereon.

ART. 9. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use the means for collecting the taxes which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed collector.

ART. 10. To see if the town will cause to be printed the reports of its officers or agents, or any part of the same.

ART. 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any money for state aid.

ART. 12. To bring in their votes, "Yes," or "No," upon the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 13. To see what sum of money (if any) the town will appropriate for Decoration Day.

ART. 14. see if the town will change its system of electing its town officers.

ART. 15. To see what action the town will take to protect the fish in the great pond.

ART. 16. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to petition the Massachusetts Highway Commission to take as State Highways the road from the Sturbridge line, near the farm of the Fiskdale Cotton Mills, running westerly through Brimfield center, south side of Common to the Monson line, near the house of William Fenton. Also the main road from the Wales line, near the house formerly owned by William H. Shaw, northerly through Brimfield center, north side of Common to the Warren line, near the house of Amos Bliss. or act thereon.

ART. 17. To see if the town will sell the Hollow schoolhouse lot, or act thereon.

ART. 18. To see if the town will appropriate money as provided by Chap. 42, Sec. 1, Acts of 1884.

ART. 19. To see if the town will revoke the vote of April 4, 1894, accepting the provisions of Sections 74, 75, 76 and 77 of Chap. 27 of the Public Statutes relating to Road Commissioners.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, one at the Center post office, and by mailing a copy to the post office at East Brimfield, and by mailing or otherwise sending a copy to Fosket's Mills and the depot at West Brimfield, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said Brimfield, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this tenth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.

MOSES H. BAKER,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
FRANK R. NEWTON,	
F. EDGAR BROWN.	
	} <i>of</i>
	} <i>Brimfield.</i>

OFFICERS' REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 5, 1895.



TURNERS FALLS, MASS.:

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1895.

Town Officers for 1894 and 1895.

CLERK AND TREASURER.

GEORGE M. HITCHCOCK.

SELECTMEN.

F. R. NEWTON, A. B. BROWN, E. B. BROWN.

ASSESSORS.

W. A. JANES, CHARLES C. BROWN,
ORUS E. PARKER.

COLLECTOR.

*FRANK G. HITCHCOCK, WM. J. EASTER.

AUDITORS.

OSCAR F. BROWN, F. EDGAR BROWN.

CONSTABLES.

F. E. COOK, ORRIN HICKS.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

GEO. H. STREETER, Term expires 1895.

DR. R. V. SAWIN, Term expires 1896,

JAS. REED BROWN, Term expires 1897.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

F. E. COOK, ORUS E. PARKER, MINER H. CORBIN.

FENCE VIEWERS.

F. E. COOK, D. W. FOSKET, CHARLES C. BROWN.

*Resigned.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

GEO. M. HITCHCOCK,
 E. W. POTTER, Term expires 1895,
 EMERY LIVERMORE, Term expires 1896.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

OSCAR F. BROWN,	Term expires 1895
MRS. J. H. NOYES,	“ “ 1895
REV. W. K. PIERCE,	“ “ 1896
MISS M. A. TARBELL,	“ “ 1896
GEO. M. HITCHCOCK,	“ “ 1897
MISS R. M. LINCOLN,	“ “ 1897

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER.

W. P. HOLDEN, H. L. CONVERSE, T. J. MORGAN,
 D. W. FOSKET, NORMAN S. POWERS.

FIELD DRIVERS.

N. S. HUBBARD, S. B. WARD,
 GEO. C. PLIMPTON.

POUND KEEPER.

GEO. M. HITCHCOCK.

SEXTON.

GEO. M. HITCHCOCK.

APPOINTMENTS BY SELECTMEN.

Superintendent of Streets—B. W. Charles.

Police Officers—Elmer W. Carder, W. P. Holden, J. A. McKinstry, C. E. Bacon.

Firewards—B. W. Charles, Josiah Stebbins John W. Brown.

Inspectors of Animals and Provisions—Porter A. Parker, Geo. M. Hitchcock.

Auctioneer—F. E. Cook.

Collector of Taxes—W. J. Easter.

Sealer of Weights and Measures—E. W. Carder.

License for the Slaughtering of Animals—E. W. Hitchcock, J. C. Spring.

LIST OF NAMES IN JURY BOX.

Orus E. Parker, farmer.

Horace S. Howes, machinist.

Elmer W. Carder janitor.

Geo. L. Agard, farmer.

Edward H. Davenport, farmer, drawn April 26, 1894.

Geo. M. Hitchcock, “

Arthur B. Brown, “

Charles C. Brown, “ drawn Jan’y 24, 1895.

Josiah Stebbins, “

Oscar F. Brown, “

Porter A. Parker, “ drawn Oct. 16, 1894.

Assessors' Report, 1895.

Number of residents assessed on property :—

Individuals,	227
All others,	7
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Total,	234

Number of non-residents assessed on property :—

Individuals,	74
All others,	6
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	80

Number of persons assessed on property,	314
“ “ “ poll tax only,	88
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	402

Number of polls assessed, 271
Tax on each poll, \$2.00.

Value of assessed personal estate,	\$57,542 00
“ buildings, excluding land,	154,617 00
“ land, excluding buildings,	193,531 00
Total real,	<hr/> \$348,148 00

Total valuation, real and personal, \$405,690 00

Tax on polls,	542 00
“ real,	6185 48
“ personal,	1028 40
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Total tax,	\$7755 88

Rate per \$1,000, \$17.75.

Number of horses assessed,	268
“ cows “	840
“ sheep “	194
“ neat cattle other than cows assessed,	329
“ swine assessed,	102
“ dwelling houses assessed,	219½
“ acres of land,	20,677½

APPROPRIATIONS, 1894.

For highways,	\$1400 00
Bridges,	100 00
Snow paths,	150 00
Schools,	1450 00
Salary of Superintendent,	225 00
Services School Committee,	50 00
Conveyance of pupils,	75 00
Books and supplies,	125 00
Schoolhouse repairs,	150 00
Support of paupers,	1200 00
Officers' salaries,	450 00
Salary of Librarian,	50 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	800 00
State and Military aid,	50 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
Interest on town debt,	100 00
Furnace at almshouse,	250 00
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	\$6675 00
State tax,	\$400 00
County tax,	567 20
Overlayings,	113 68
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Total amount raised by taxation,	\$7755 88

WILLIAM A. JANES, } Assessors
 ORUS E. PARKER, } of
 CHAS. C. BROWN, } Brimfield.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS OF 1893-4.

Order No.

1.	Josiah Stebbins, wood for school	
	No. 3,	\$18 00
5.	B. W. Charles, snow,	6 97
9.	C. E. Bacon, snow,	1 20
12.	H. A. Booth, care of school house,	
	No. 7,	3 50
14.	L. B. McCrillis, support of son,	4 33
15.	C. E. Bacon, snow,	9 17
	“ “ highway,	8 05
20.	E. B. Brown, snow,	5 70
22.	C. A. Deland, returning of births,	2 50
28.	Northampton hospital for Achsa	
	M. Hill,	28 79
32.	Orrin Q. Moore, services overseer	
	of poor,	15 00
42.	R. V. Sawin, services school com-	
	mittee,	8 33
47.	O. E. Parker, services overseer of	
	poor,	3 50
86.	W. A. Gilbert, snow,	1 80
218.	City of Brockton, aid to Dearth	
	family,	3 13
		<hr/>
		\$119 97

EXPENDITURES FOR 1894-95.

HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation,		\$1400 00
Order No.		
10.	A. D. Thomas,	\$ 3 00
17.	F. Edgar Brown,	75
34.	Orrin Hicks,	99 37
35.	Geo. Adams,	43 00
36.	Patrick White,	62 75
37.	C. E. Bacon,	82 78

38.	Milo S. Booth,	14	95
39.	Oscar D. Wells,	56	30
40.	B. W. Charles,	33	00
41.	Philip Burns,	28	50
50.	Milo S. Booth,	53	55
52.	Geo. Adams,	2	50
53.	Orrin Hicks,	21	80
54.	Patrick White,	25	20
55.	Charles E. Bacon,	18	60
56.	Oscar D. Wells,	29	50
57.	B. W. Charles,	12	25
59.	A. D. Thomas,	24	25
60.	Philip Burns,	64	50
86.	W. A. Gilbert,	8	00
87.	Orrin Hicks,	142	80
88.	M. H. Baker,	8	85
89.	C. E. Bacon,	7	38
90.	Milo S. Booth,	28	50
99.	E. A. Buck,	5	48
100.	C. B. Blair,	21	42
111.	B. W. Charles,	13	00
119.	A. D. Thomas,	13	50
128.	Philip Burns,	34	50
129.	Orrin Hicks,	1	32
130.	Oscar D. Wells,	8	90
133.	B. W. Charles,	31	00
152.	C. E. Bacon,	27	91
186.	Oscar D. Wells,	17	86
187.	Patrick White,	10	80
208.	C. E. Bacon,	28	56
210.	B. W. Charles,	3	05
212.	A. D. Thomas,	1	65
213.	Geo. Adams,	1	50
241.	B. W. Charles,	3	30
242.	Oscar D. Wells,	9	00
288.	A. D. Thomas,	1	50
293.	B. W. Charles,	9	00

\$1115 33

BRIDGES.

Appropriation,		\$100 00
No.		
33.	John C. Burleigh, plank,	\$25 60
35.	Geo. Adams,	14 38
36.	Patrick White,	17 75
38.	Milo S. Booth,	8 00
39.	Oscar D. Wells,	21 89
51.	John C. Burleigh, plank,	10 30
52.	Geo. Adams,	14 53
54.	Patrick White,	1 00
91.	Orrin Hicks,	6 91
131.	Patrick White,	1 70
133.	B. W. Charles,	2 70
153.	F. Edgar Brown, plank,	46
188.	E. B. Brown,	7 25
210.	B. W. Charles,	7 87
212.	A. D. Thomas,	2 64
252.	J. C. Burleigh,	42 67
280.	Orrin Hicks,	6 78
		<hr/> \$192 43

SNOW PATHS.

Appropriation,		\$150 00
Order No.		
35.	Geo. Adams,	\$1 50
38.	Milo S. Booth,	3 75
240.	C. E. Bacon,	372 00
275.	Geo. Adams,	7 28
278.	O. D. Wells,	7 05
279.	Patrick White,	23 47
280.	Orrin Hicks,	4 11
281.	Philip Burns,	21 90
284.	B. W. Charles,	42 24
285.	Herbert F. Healy,	2 10
286.	C. E. Bacon,	41 08
287.	Milo S. Booth,	74 35
288.	A. D. Thomas,	3 30
		<hr/> \$235 85

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Appropriations,	
For wages of teachers, fuel and care of houses,	\$1450 00
Income Mass. School Fund,	446 74
Received of District School Committee,	150 00

PAYMENTS.

Paid for wages of teachers, fuel and care of houses, for
year ending March 5, 1895 :

NAME OF TEACHER.	NO. OF SCHOOL.	WAGES OF SUMMER TERM.	WAGES OF FALL TERM.	WAGES OF WINTER TERM.	FUEL AND CARE OF HOUSE.	TOTAL.
Bessie F. Brown,	1	\$80 00	\$16 00		\$37 31	
Carrie M. Smith,	1	80 00				
Minnie I. Kernan,	1		96 01	\$32 00		
Cora E. Morse,	1		80 00	88 00		
Ida M. Brown,	1		36 00			
J. Wilson Brown,	1			52 50		\$597 81
Sadie L. Macallister,	2	65 00	84 00	70 00	26 40	245 40
Ida R. Agard,	3	70 00	84 00	70 00	7 40	231 40
Alice J. Ormes,	5	65 00			25 65	
Mrs. H. S. Parker,	5		78 00			
Ida M. Brown,	5			60 00		228 65
Margaret Corcoran,	6	65 00			24 20	
Anne O'Keefe,	6		13 00			
Olive Goodwin,	6		55 25			
Alzaleen M. Sampson,	6			77 00		234 45
Clara L. Sutcliff,	7	65 00	78 00		55 40	
Olive A. Goodwin,	7			65 00		263 40
J. Wilson Brown,	10	65 00	78 00	28 00	7 15	
Grace A. Hurlburt,	10			36 00		214 15
		\$555 00	\$698 25	\$578 50	\$183 51	\$2015 26

SALARY OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

Appropriation,	\$225 00	
Received from State,	225 00	
		\$450 00
Paid Miss C. A. Wood,		450 00

SERVICES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Appropriation,		\$50 00
Order No.		
71.	Geo. H. Streeter,	\$5 00
115.	R. V. Sawin,	8 00
202.	Geo H. Streeter,	4 75
269.	Geo. H. Streeter,	6 00
300.	J. Reed Brown,	18 00
		<hr/> \$41 75

CONVEYANCE OF PUPILS.

Appropriation,		\$75 00
Order No.		
72.	J. L. Stanton,	\$18 50
73.	C. H. George,	15 00
74.	M. H. Corbin,	7 00
105.	L. S. Allen,	2 50
219.	C. H. George,	19 00
220.	Frank H. Hill,	8 25
270.	J. L. Stanton,	13 50
271.	F. R. Newton,	8 50
		<hr/> \$92 25

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Appropriation,		\$125 00
Order No.		
43.	N. S. Wakefield & Co., text books,	6 75
76.	Smith-White M'fg Co., supplies,	5 77
157.	American Book Co., text books,	8 64
169.	Ginn & Co., text books,	6 40
170.	D. C. Heath & Co., text books,	9 34
175.	Springfield News Co., supplies,	6 65
221.	Milton Bradley & Co., supplies,	3 60
225.	Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, supplies,	19 20
259.	Houghton Mifflin & Co., supplies,	6 21
300.	J. Reed Brown,	4 96
		<hr/> \$77 52

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

Appropriation,		\$150 00
Order No.		
44.	F. H. Dean, slating blackboard	
	No. 2,	\$12 24
	F. H. Dean, slating blackboard	
	No. 6,	4 52
132.	Geo. W. Sherman, repairs at No. 7,	5 80
133.	B. W. Charles, repairs at No. 2,	1 75
134.	J. Reed Brown, repairs at No. 6,	2 35
134.	J. Reed Brown, repairs at No. 1,	7 10
134.	J. Reed Brown, repairs at No. 10,	2 00
134.	J. Reed Brown, repairs at No. 2,	11 50
134.	J. Reed Brown, repairs at No. 3,	1 00
140.	John E. Farrell, repairs at No. 10,	41 60
173.	F. F. Marcey, lumber for No. 10,	28 41
300.	J. Reed Brown, repairs at No. 1,	95
300.	J. Reed Brown, repairs at No. 6,	1 50
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		\$120 72

OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Appropriation,	\$450 00
PAYMENTS.	

SELECTMEN.

Order No.		
16.	M. H. Baker,	\$2 00
17.	F. E. Brown,	4 00
19.	F. R. Newton,	3 00
290.	F. R. Newton,	41 50
295.	E. B. Brown,	16 00
296.	A. B. Brown,	25 00
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		\$91 50

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

16.	M. H. Baker,	\$2 00
17.	F. E. Brown,	1 00
19.	F. R. Newton,	1 00
290.	F. R. Newton,	5 00
295.	E. B. Brown,	1 00
298.	Geo. M. Hitchcock,	10 00
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		\$20 00

ASSESSORS.

97.	O. E. Parker,	28 50	
109.	W. A. Janes,	33 00	
110.	C. C. Brown,	31 00	
184.	W. A. Janes,	2 00	
229.	C. C. Brown,	2 00	
288½	O. E. Parker,	2 00	
		<hr/>	\$98 50

TOWN CLERK.

298.	G. M. Hitchcock,	\$20 00	
	Returning births, marriages and		
	deaths,	12 85	
		<hr/>	\$32 85

CONSTABLE.

291.	F. E. Cook,	\$15 00
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TREASURER.

298.	G. M. Hitchcock,	\$30 00
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SEXTON.

298.	G. M. Hitchcock,	\$37 00
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COLLECTOR.

11.	F. G. Hitchcock, 7/8 of tax of 1893,	\$40 00
235.	C. Newton, balance of tax of 1891,	20 00
251.	W. J. Easter, 7/8 of tax of 1894,	40 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Appropriation,	\$800 00
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Order No.

2.	W. J. Easter, appraiser at almshouse,	2 00
3.	E. W. Carder, janitor,	8 33
6.	F. A. Smith, insurance town and alms house,	69 00
7.	Charles C. Brown, appraiser of alms house,	2 00
	Report of same,	4 00

8.	B. E. Campbell, repairs on hearse sleigh,	3	25
18.	H. P. Holden, aid to J. W. Goss,	16	00
21.	E. W. Carder, janitor,	8	33
23.	C. B. Fisk & Co., printing reports,	40	00
23.	C. B. Fisk & Co., printing voting lists,	5	00
24.	A. G. Tarbell, officer's fees, collecting tax,	1	33
45.	N. Moulton, assisting road surveyor,	3	00
48.	F. E. Brown, stakes for road survey,	3	62
49.	E. W. Carder, janitor,	8	33
79.	H. P. Holden, aid to J. W. Goss,	18	00
80.	W. L. Daniels, labor on common,	7	18
81.	Gillitt & McClench, deed,	1	50
84.	E. W. Carder, janitor,	8	33
92.	J. O'Neil, burying horse,		75
97.	O. E. Parker, tax collector's book,		75
98.	F. G. Hitchcock, broom for town house,		25
101.	F. E. Cook, mowing cemetery.	18	00
106.	A. W. Pierson, painting monu- ment fence,	23	50
108.	O. W. Studley, fees on Chas. Crawford case,	4	33
110.	Charles C. Brown, postage,		08
112.	E. W. Carder, janitor, Repairs on bell.	8	33
113.	Carder & Cook, night watch, July 3,	3	00
118.	F. A. Smith, insurance school house No. 2.	30	00
120.	Geo. A. Craig & Son, survey for state highway,	151	11
121.	E. A. Buck, oil for town house,	4	08
124.	F. E. Cook, officer's fees, John Brown case,	4	07
127.	E. W. Carder, janitor,	8	33
145.	E. W. Carder, janitor,	8	33
148.	Worcester Boiler Co., for water tank,	16	07
149.	Butterworth Bros., pipe for water tank,	15	17
150.	Geo. Plimpton, digging well and ditch,	36	00
151.	F. R. Newton, wood for town house,	27	00
153.	F. E. Brown, shavings for town house,	1	00
176.	H. P. Holden, aid to J. W. Goss,	36	00
179.	James D. Gill, stationery,	1	35

182.	C. B. Blair, cement for water tank,	10 40
183.	J. W. S. Witherell, land damage,	5 00
185.	E. W. Carder, janitor,	8 33
188.	E. B. Brown, gage for water tank,	65
206.	F. E. Brown, wood for town hall,	2 19
207.	O. W. Studley, officer's fees, Dion case,	42 53
210.	B. W. Charles, watching Conoghan fire,	2 00
211.	E. W. Carder, janitor,	8 33
211.	E. W. Carder, police officer, Nov. election,	2 00
214.	M. H. Baker, ballot clerk and teller,	3 00
246.	F. R. Newton, clothing for J. W. Goss,	8 75
227.	H. P. Holden, aid for J. W. Goss,	18 00
228.	S. H. Hillyar, clothing for J. W. Goss,	3 07
230.	E. W. Carder, janitor,	8 33
231.	Porter A. Parker, cattle inspector,	30 00
233.	Town of Wales, taxes,	2 63
237.	R. V. Sawin, return of births,	1 00
238.	G. F. Chamberlain, return of births,	1 25
249.	W. G. Reed, return of birth,	25
239.	F. A. Smith, insurance at alms house,	20 00
250.	C. A. Deland, return of birth,	25
253.	E. W. Carder, janitor,	8 33
255.	O. F. Brown, ballot clerk and teller,	3 00
256.	Lucy P. Higgins, copy of records,	22 00
257.	Greenough, A. & C., binding records,	2 75
273.	Geo. W. Sherman, committee at alms house,	2 00
276.	J. W. Brown, cash for lead pipe,	1 12
277.	H. L. Converse, furnishings for town house,	2 27
282.	E. W. Carder, janitor,	8 37
283.	Porter A. Parker, inspector of animals and meat,	19 05
290.	F. R. Newton, miscellaneous expenses,	17 89
294.	J. F. Lombard, carting oil,	50
296.	A. B. Brown, postage, &c.,	1 90
297.	G. M. Hitchcock, inspector of animals and meat,	7 35
298.	G. M. Hitchcock, express, postage, &c.,	11 28

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STATE AND MILITARY AID.

State aid paid under Chap. 301, Acts of 1889, and which the State repays.

Military aid paid under Chap. 301, Acts of 1889, and which the State repays one-half.

Appropriation,	\$50 00	
And repaid by State for Military aid,	48 00	
And repaid by State for State aid,	397 00	
	<hr/>	\$495 00

PAYMENTS FOR MILITARY AID.

Levi W. Emerson,	\$96 00
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PAYMENTS FOR STATE AID.

Olive M. Groves,	\$48 00	
Alonzo Allen,	40 00	
Mary A. Brownell,	30 00	
Austin N. Moulton and wife,	60 00	
Alvia E. Sibley,	48 00	
Harriet A. Streeter,	48 00	
Dennis Smith,	48 00	
Margaret H. Marsh,	48 00	
Elmer W. Carder and wife,	60 00	
Francis E. Cook,	48 00	
Francis A. Wood,	30 00	
Lyman E. Needham,	6 00	
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COUNTY TAX.

Paid W. C. Marsh, Treasurer,	\$567 20
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STATE TAX.

Paid Henry M. Phillips, Treasurer,	\$400 00
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TOWN DEBT AND INTEREST.

Appropriation,	\$100 00
Jan. 1, Paid Palmer Savings Bank, interest,	\$56 25
Oct. 28, Paid Palmer Savings Bank, interest,	11 63
Dec. 1, Paid Palmer Savings Bank, interest,	56 25
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	\$124 13

Collectors' Report

ALBERT G. TARBELL, COLLECTOR FOR 1892.

1894.	Dr.	
March 5.	To balance of tax of 1892 uncollected,	\$323 17
1895.	Cr.	
March 5.	By cash,	\$142 11
	Balance of tax uncollected,	181 06

ALBERT G. TARBELL, Collector.

FRANK G. HITCHCOCK, COLLECTOR FOR 1893.

1894.	Dr.	
March 5.	To balance of tax of 1893 uncollected,	\$1204 33
1895.	Cr.	
March 5.	By cash,	\$1123 28
	Balance of tax uncollected,	81 05

FRANK G. HITCHCOCK, Collector.

WM. J. EASTER, COLLECTOR FOR 1894.

1895.	Dr.	
March 5.	To tax of 1894,	\$7755 88
	Cr.	
By cash to date,		\$7476 80
	Balance of tax of 1894 uncollected,	279 08

WM. J. EASTER, Collector.

TOWN FARM PRODUCTS, 1894.

13 tons English hay,	\$195 00	
3 tons rowen,	36 00	
3 tons corn fodder,	6 00	
4 tons corn stover,	20 00	
3 tons rye straw,	36 00	
110 bushels good potatoes,	66 00	
25 bushels small potatoes,	7 50	
2 bushels beets,	80	
3 bushels turnips,	1 20	
2 bushels onions,	1 50	
2 bushels parsnips,	80	
4 bushels tomatoes,	1 20	
5 bushels sweet corn,	1 50	
40 heads cabbage,	2 00	
40 bushels rye,	24 00	
3 bushels beans,	7 50	
50 bbls. apples, 42 bbls. sold at \$1.25,	60 50	
229 gals. cider,	16 00	
60 bushels corn,	18 00	
900 lbs. beef,	45 00	
1444 lbs. pork; 814 lbs. sold,	86 64	
60 chickens raised,	24 00	
185 doz. eggs,	37 00	
Cream sold,	294 25	
	<hr/>	\$988 39

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

1895.

March 2.	1 horse,	\$100 00	
	1 horse,	75 00	
	10 cows,	280 00	
	1 yearling,	12 00	
	4 hogs,	40 00	
	41 fowls,	20 50	
		<hr/>	\$527 50

10 tons English hay,	150 00	
6 tons meadow hay,	36 00	
2½ tons rye straw,	30 00	
35 bushels corn (ears)	12 00	
20 bushels rye,	12 00	
8 hundred pounds meal	8 40	
	<hr/>	\$248 40
Farming tools, wood, etc.,	469 35	
Provisions,	148 66	
Household furniture,	299 80	
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		\$1693 71
Inventory, March 1, 1894,	\$1579 22	
Gain on inventory,	114 49	
	<hr/>	\$1693 71

ORDERS PAID FOR ALMSHOUSE FOR YEAR END- ING MARCH 4TH, 1895.

Order No.

4.	F. G. Hitchcock, groceries, etc.,	\$22 44
30.	H. L. Converse, " "	11 68
31.	J. A. McKinstry, services as warden,	35 41
58.	F. G. Hitchcock, groceries, etc.,	28 10
77.	A. J. Holden, wood furnace,	175 00
93.	H. L. Converse, groceries, etc.,	13 89
94.	J. A. McKinstry, services as warden,	106 25
94.	J. A. McKinstry, services as warden,	92 91
98.	F. G. Hitchcock, groceries, etc.,	25 33
102.	R. G. McIntire, work on furnace, etc.,	21 90
103.	Frank A. Smith, insurance	36 00
114.	H. L. Converse, groceries, etc.,	11 16
126.	H. L. Converse, groceries,	9 08
146.	J. A. McKinstry, services as warden,	106 25
146.	J. A. McKinstry, cash for use,	110 82
147.	Orus E. Parker cash for phosphate,	17 00
154.	F. G. Hitchcock, groceries,	18 86
189.	H. L. Converse, groceries,	19 47
213.	F. G. Hitchcock, groceries,	19 68
215.	R. V. Sawin, medical attendance,	18 00

243.	J. A. McKinstry, services as warden,	106	25
243.	J. A. McKinstry, cash for use,	80	00
244.	H. L. Converse, groceries,	14	51
245.	E. Luther & Co., iron beds,	9	50
254.	F. G. Hitchcock, groceries,	21	44
274	J. A. McKinstry, services as warden,	70	83
277.	H. L. Converse, groceries.	11	52
288½.	O. E. Parker, services as overseer,	13	00
292.	F. E. Cook, services as overseer,	17	50
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ORDERS PAID FOR OUTSIDE POOR FOR YEAR
ENDING MARCH 4, 1895.

Order No.

28.	Northampton Hospital, Achsa Hill,	\$13	00
29.	Mrs. L. B. McCrillis, support of son,	8	66
78.	Mrs. L. B. McCrillis, support of son,	4	33
95.	Northampton Hospital, Achsa Hill,	42	25
96.	Mrs. L. B. McCrillis, support of son,	4	33
97.	Orus E. Parker, expenses to North- ampton,	7	40
116.	R. V. Sawin, medical attendance F. Wedge,	3	50
117.	H. G. Loomis, casket, &c., Felix Wedge,	18	00
123.	Town of Warren, aid to Mary Bloomer,	15	00
125.	Mrs. L. B. McCrillis, support of son,	4	33
143.	Mrs. L. B. McCrillis, support of son,	4	33
177.	Northampton Hospital, board of Achsa Hill,	46	
178.	Mrs. L. B. McCrillis, support of son,	4	33
205.	Mrs. L. B. McCrillis, support of son,	4	33
215.	R. V. Sawin, medical attendance,	3	00
216.	Mrs. L. B. McCrillis, support of son,	4	33
217.	Mrs. L. B. McCrillis, support of son.	4	33
218.	City of Brockton, aid to Dearth Family,	9	39
272.	Mrs. L. B. McCrillis, support of son,	4	33
288½.	O. E. Parker, expenses to Boston	5	00
292.	F. E. Cook, services,	11	00
292.	F. E. Cook, expenses,	21	62
288½.	O. E. Parker, services,	3	00
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OVERSEERS OF THE POOR IN ACCOUNT WITH
THE TOWN OF BRIMFIELD FOR THE
ALMSHOUSE AND FARM.

1894.	Dr.		
Mar. 1.	To farm as appraised,	\$4000	00
	Neat stock,	545	00
	Hay and grain,	214	50
	Farming tools, wood, etc.,	399	60
	Provisions,	107	42
	Household furniture,	312	70
	Interest on above at 4 per cent.,	223	17
	Bills paid for almshouse by warden, with cash received from farm products,	458	91
	Due warden on account,	39	01
	Orders paid for almshouse,	1213	28
	Orders paid for outside poor,	159	63
	Salaries of Overseers of the Poor, for services at almshouse,	30	50
	Services for outside poor,	40	62
	Due City of Cambridge for expense of pauper, estimated,	10	00
	Due City of Brockton, for aid to Dearth family, estimated,	10	00
		<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: 0;"/>	\$7764 34

1895.	Cr.		
Mar. 2.	By farm as appraised,	\$4000	00
	Neat stock,	527	50
	Hay and grain,	248	40
	Farming tools, wood, etc.,	469	35
	Provisions,	148	66
	Cash for farm products,	458	91
	Household furniture,	299	80
	Due from State on Harness case,	63	70

Due from State on Brewster		
case,	3	00
Due from F. W. Fenton,	8	00
“ John Elliot,	9	90
“ Brookfield, ac-		
count F. Wedge,	28	50
Balance amount it has cost		
to support the poor,	1498	62
		7764 34
From amount it has cost to		
support the poor,	1498	62
Deduct the cost of outside		
poor,	200	25
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Leaving cost of supporting		
poor at almshouse,	\$1298	37

Average number of inmates, 11 1-10.

Number of weeks board of inmates, 577.

Number of tramps 1355, estimated at $\frac{3}{4}$ day each, \$145.

Total number of weeks' board furnished at almshouse, 722.

Cost of each week's board at almshouse, \$1.79.

CHARLES C. BROWN,	} Committee.
EDWARD H. MORGAN,	
GEO. W. SHERMAN,	

APPROPRIATION AND PAYMENTS FOR NEW FURNACE AT ALMSHOUSE.

Appropriation for furnace, etc.,		\$250 00
Paid for furnace,	\$175	00
“ labor,	50	09
“ lime,	6	80
“ pipe,	10	80
“ three windows,	3	30
Balance not expended,	4	01
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		\$250 00

GEO. M. HITCHCOCK, TREASURER.

IN ACCOUNT WITH COMMITTEE ON FOUNTAIN.

Appropriation,		\$350 00
Paid on orders of committee,	175 00	
Not expended,	175 00	

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

GEO. M. HITCHCOCK, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH
LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

1894.	Dr.		
Mar. 5.	To cash on hand,	\$125 83	
Apr. 2.	Dog fund appropriation,	108 79	
	Salary of librarian,	50 00	
	Cash rec'd for catalogues sold,	6 00	
	Cash rec'd for fines,	2 81	
	Cash rec'd for book lost,	1 00	
		<hr/>	\$294 43
	Cr.		
	By cash paid for books,		
	magazines and binding		
	magazines, etc.	97 33	
	Cash paid for catalogues,	100 00	
	Cash paid for librarian's		
	salary,	50 00	
	Cash on hand,	47 10	
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GEO. M. HITCHCOCK, Treasurer.

R. M. LINCOLN,	}	Approved by Committee.
L. W. NOYES.		
W. K. PEIRCE,		
OSCAR F. BROWN,		
M. ANNA TARBELL,		

There are now in the Library 964 reference books, inclusive of 214 law books. The number of books in the circulating department is 2892.

During the past year 200 volumes have been added by purchase to the circulating Library, and twelve volumes of reference books have been received from the State. The Library has been open 154 days during the year; 225 persons have taken out books, and the number of books taken out, 1153, of magazines, 729.

The work of getting out a new catalogue, announced in the report of last year, has been completed. The expense of printing the catalogues alone has been taken from the available funds of the Library, the work of preparation being gratuitous.

It is to be hoped that the community will avail itself of the valuable aid to the intelligent use of the Library afforded by these catalogues.

The importance of a free public Library cannot be over estimated, and the thorough examination which ours has received this year shows that it consists of carefully selected books, comprising some of the best in each department of literature.

The catalogue shows that an unusually large number of valuable reference books has been collected. Aside from the circulation of books, one function of a Library is to serve as a repository of information, and it is very desirable that papers, pamphlets and any matter pertaining to events of local interest should be preserved therein.

The committee would acknowledge their indebtedness to Miss Ella Wood, librarian of the Lancaster Public Library, for suggestions relating to approved methods of cataloguing.

W. K. PEIRCE,
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APPROPRIATIONS AND PAYMENTS FOR 1894-5.

	Appropriations.		Payments.	
For highway repairs,	\$1400	00	\$1115	33
Bridges,	100	00	192	43
Snow Paths,	150	00	235	85
 Schools,	\$1450	00		
Income of school fund,	446	74		
Income of school fund,	150	00		
School superintendent,	225	00		
Services of school committee,	50	00		
Conveyance of pupils,	75	00		
Text books and supplies,	125	00	2521	74
			2746	44
 Schoolhouse repairs,	150	00	120	72
Support of paupers,	1200	00	1456	53
Officers' salaries,	450	00	424	85
Miscellaneous expenses,	800	00	824	01
County tax,			567	20
State tax			400	00
State and military aid,	50	00		
Repaid by State.	445	00	610	00
Memorial Day,	50	00		
Interest on town debt,	100	00	124	13
Heater for almshouse,	250	00	175	00

Treasurer's Report.

GEORGE M. HITCHCOCK, IN ACCOUNT WITH
TOWN OF BRIMFIELD.

1894.		DR.	
March	5.	To cash on hand,	\$1950 35
	7.	Cash received of County Treasurer for burial Wm. Lynch, pauper,	3 00
April	2.	Cash received of Second Congregational Society for use of town hall,	125 00
June	21.	Cash received of State for salary of School Super- intendent,	225 00
		For salary of teachers,	150 00
	28.	Cash borrowed of Palmer Savings Bank,	1000 00
	30.	Cash received of James Noyes for land where No. 9 schoolhouse for- merly stood,	10 00
Sept.	4.	Cash received of E. W. Hitchcock, license for slaughtering animals,	1 00
		Cash received of J. C. Spring, license for slaughtering animals,	1 00
Nov.	2.	Cash received of W. G. Parker for schoolhouse No. 9,	20 00
Dec.	11.	Cash received of Common- wealth on corporation tax,	116 22
		National bank tax,	116 73
		Military aid,	48 00
		State aid,	397 00

Dec. 15.	Cash received of Cheney Newton, balance of tax of 1891,	99 92
1895.		
Jan. 12.	Cash received of Second Congregational Society for use of town hall,	125 00
25.	Cash received of County Treasurer on account of dog fund,	148 10
26.	Cash received of State Treasurer, income of Mass. school fund,	446 74
	Cash received of Albert G. Tarbell on tax of 1892,	142 11
	Cash received of Frank G. Hitchcock. on tax of 1893,	1123 28
	Cash received of W. J. Easter, on tax of 1894,	7476 80
	Cash received of E. W. Carder for use of town hall,	39 00
	Cash received for town histories sold,	24 00
		<hr/> \$13,788 25

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For highway repairs,	\$1115 33
Bridges,	192 43
Snow paths,	235 85
Schools,	2746 44
Schoolhouses repairs,	120 72
Salaries,	424 85
Paupers,	1456 53
Miscellaneous expenses,	824 01
State tax,	400 00
County tax,	567 20
State and military aid,	610 00
Debt and interest,	1124 13
Miscellaneous bills of 1893-4,	119 77
	<hr/> \$9937 26

By cash paid Committee on Fountain.	175 00	
By cash paid Librarian,	50 00	
Cash on hand,	3625 99	
	<hr/>	\$13,788 25

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

1895.	ASSETS.	
March 5.	Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$3625 99
	Due from State, Aid to sol-	
	diers,	400 00
	From State, Military Aid,	48 00
	Balance of tax of 1892,	181 06
	Balance of tax of 1893,	81 05
	Balance of tax of 1894,	279 08
	From State for School	
	Superintendent,	225 00
	From State on Har-	
	ness case,	60 70
	From town of Brook-	
	field for support and	
	burial Felix Wedge,	28 50
	From State on Brew-	
	ster case,	3 00
	From F. W. Fenten,	
	old bill,	8 00
	From John A. Elliot, aid,	10 00
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		\$4950 38

1895.	LIABILITIES.	
March 5.	Due Palmer Savings Bank,	
	note and interest,	
	March 1st, 1895,	\$2528 13
	City of Brockton, aid	
	to Dearth family, esti-	
	mated,	10 00
	For aid to J. W. Goss,	20 00
	On appropriation for	
	fountain,	175 00

On appropriation and not used for Memor- ial Day,	200 00	
On outstanding bills, estimated,	75 00	
Balance assets over liabilities,	1942 25	
	<hr/>	\$4950 38

HARRIET ALLEN FUND.

Principal in Springfield Institution for Savings, Jan. 1, 1895,	\$253 22
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M. M. GOODALE FUND.

Principal in Springfield Institution for Savings, Jan. 1, 1895,	\$55 70
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APPROPRIATION FOR MEMORIAL DAY. (Not expended.)

1891.	Appropriation,	\$50 00	
1892.	“	50 00	
1893.	“	50 00	
1894.	“	50 00	
		<hr/>	\$200 00

Report of the Town Clerk.

INSURANCE ON TOWN PROPERTY.

EXPIRES.	NAME OF COMPANY.	PROPERTY.	AMOUNT.	
Oct. 17, 1898	Royal of Liverpool	Town House	\$1,650	
Oct. 17, 1898	Royal of Liverpool	Furniture, etc.	850	
Oct. 17, 1898	Hartford	Town House	1,650	
Oct. 17, 1898	Hartford	Furniture, etc.	850	
Mar. 22, 1899	Ins. Co. of North America	Town House	2,000	
			<hr/>	\$7,000
Jan. 20, 1896	Ætna of Hartford	Public Library	.	1,500
April 25, 1896	Quincy Mutual	Almshouse	\$1,700	
Feb. 1, 1897	Ætna of Hartford	Almshouse	700	
Feb. 1, 1897	Ætna of Hartford	Furniture	400	
Feb. 1, 1897	Ætna of Hartford	Ice House	100	
July 15, 1897	Ætna of Hartford	Almshouse barn	1,800	
Dec. 1, 1897	Phœnix of Brooklyn	Hoghouse	100	
Dec. 1, 1897	Phœnix of Brooklyn	Hay, grain, tools	400	
Dec. 1, 1897	Phœnix of Brooklyn	Live stock	500	
			<hr/>	\$5,700
Dec. 1, 1896	Ætna of Hartford	Schoolhouse No. 1	\$2,700	
Aug. 8, 1899	Ætna of Hartford	Schoolhouse No. 2	1,000	
			<hr/>	\$3,700
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				\$17,900

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1894.

DATE.	BRIDEGROOM.	RESIDENCE.	BRIDE.	RESIDENCE.
Feb. 21, 1894.	Otto Shaffer,	Brimfield,	Bridget Donohue,	Brimfield
Mar. 2, 1894.	Frank W. Friend,	Brimfield,	Lucy M. Pierce,	Warren
July 18, 1894.	Herbert A. Youtz,	East Dennis,	Mary P. Newell,	Brimfield
Jan. 18, 1893.	Newton S. Hubbard,	Brimfield,	Julia Ann Sherman,	Brimfield
Sept. 4, 1894.	Nelson Bolanger, Jr.,	Brimfield,	Cordelia Venia,	Warren
Aug. 1, 1894.	Bertie E. Campbell,	Brimfield,	Cora L. Howard,	Monson
Sept. 20, 1894.	Waldo P. Prickette,	Springfield,	Minnie F. Pierson,	Brimfield
Oct. 3, 1894.	Everett Sherman,	Brimfield,	Bessie F. Brown,	Brimfield
Nov. 29, 1894.	Lewis D. Bemis,	Spencer,	Carrie M. Smith,	Spencer
Dec. 24, 1894.	Ernest D. Gilbert,	W. Brookfield,	Emma M. Green,	Brimfield
Dec. 24, 1894.	George L. Agard,	Brimfield,	Alice L. Ringe,	Union, Conn.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1894.

DATE OF BIRTH.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Mar. 27,	Marquis Lyon Converse,	M.,	John F. and Lizzie (Wyles) Converse.
May 13,	Robert Dounell Kyle,	M.,	Robert J. and Winefred Kyle.
May 27,	Stanley Lafayette Sanborn,	M.,	Fred and Lucy A. Sanborn.
May 27,	Ethel Marie Bedell,	F.,	Walter E. and Edith (Royce) Bedell.
June 1,	Gilbert Favro,	M.,	Napoleon and Filenoze (Largness) Favro.
July 9,	Amos Augustus Merrill,	M.,	Amos B. and Augusta (Suckow) Merrill.
July 24,	Gladys Enola Howlett,	F.,	Andrew J and Emily A (Vinton) Howlett.
Aug. 7,	Alice Ida Braman	F.,	Thomas N. and Ellen M. Braman.
Aug. 25,	Alice Marie Sherman,	F.,	Geo. W. and Alice E. (Cory) Sherman.
Aug. 27,	Herman Harrold Sprat,	M.,	Hugh and Lottie (Ward) Sprat.
Oct. 4,	Arthur Jay Marsell,	M.,	John A. and Estella (Drake) Marsell.
Nov. 15,	Ambrose Daniel St. George,	M.,	John and Alice (Leno) St. George.
Nov. 26,	Alice Elizabeth Herring,	F.,	William O. and Jennie L. (Clark) Herring.
Nov. 27,	Mary Elizabeth Haley,	F.,	John and Ellen N. (Shanley) Haley.
Aug. 27,	Rosalie Champaux,	F.,	Alfred and Josephine (Fountain) Cham- [paux.
May 25,	Lora Amanda Gironard,	F.,	Stanisles and Amanda (Brothers) Giron- [ard.

DEATHS RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1894.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	AGE. YRS. MOS. DAYS.		
Jan. 10,	Alexander H. Dean,	Paralysis,	82		
Jan. 17,	Dora B. Lombard,	Meningitis,	17	11	14
Jan. 18,	John Carroll,	Black Erysipelas,	76		
Feb. 17,	William Lynch,	Found dead at Alms House,	45		
Feb. 19,	Phebe W. Vinton,	Paralysis,	63	3	8
Feb. 20,	Abner Stebbins,	Old age,	89	8	16
Feb. 19,	Mary Rouleau,	Premature birth.			
Mar. 21,	Lewis B. McCrillis,	Old age,	79	11	
Mar. 30,	Child of John Conoghan,	Still born.			
Apr. 9,	Marie A. Merriam,	Brights disease,	54		
June 17,	Erastus Newport,	Cancer of stomach and liver,	64		29
June 30,	Laura Brown,	Brights disease,	78	4	23
Aug. 16,	Felix Wedge,	Gastritis,	61		
Oct. 3,	Elisha C. Marsh,	Paralysis,	79	2	26
Oct. 31,	Lucinda Haynes,	Old age,	96	7	13
Dec. 1,	Sabra Sherman,	Lathenica,	81	6	27

PERSONS BROUGHT HERE FROM OTHER PLACES FOR BURIAL.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME.	PLACE OF DEATH.	AGE.		
			YRS.	MOS.	DAYS.
Mar. 31.	Mary D. Smith,	Wales,	76		
May 10.	Charles A. Clark,	Worcester,	63	8	12
July 19.	Myrtle S. Stebbins,	Westfield,		10	
Aug. 22.	Daniel R. Wight,	Sturbridge,	74	1	1
Sept. 26.	Mary F. Brown,	Springfield,	57		
Oct. 2.	Catherine P. Page,	Springfield,	74		
Oct. 10.	Lillian E. Hitchcock,	Spencer,	30	11	16
Nov. 3.	Charles G. Lyman,	Hartford, Ct.,	80		
1881. Dec. 28.	Eli Barrows,	Sunderland,	73	4	6
1893. May 14.	Mrs. Lucretia Barrows,	Sunderland,	89	5	1

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1895-1896.

The Committee chosen at the last annual meeting on appropriations for year 1895-6 present the following :

For highways,	\$1400 00
Bridges,	100 00
Snow,	150 00
Schools,	1450 00
School Superintendent,	225 00
School Committee,	50 00
Conveyance,	100 00
Text books, etc.,	125 00
Schoolhouse repairs,	150 00
Paupers,	1200 00
Salaries,	450 00
Miscellaneous,	800 00
State and Military aid,	50 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
Interest on town debt,	100 00

GEO. M. HITCHCOCK, F. R. NEWTON, R. V. SAWIN, F. E. COOK, B. W. CHARLES,	}	Committee on Appropriations.
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Report of School Superintendent.

To the School Committee of Brimfield:

I have the honor to present my third report and the fifth in the superintendency of the town.

An unusual number of changes has been caused by the resignations of Misses Brown, Smith, Hart, Ormes, Sutcliffe, Kernan and Mrs. Parker. This interferes with the pupils' progress, especially where there are only thirty-two weeks in the school year. Those who have been teaching in your schools, and the new ones who entered during the year, have taken up the work faithfully and earnestly.

Your decision to allow the pupils to take their history examination on the completion of the study meets with universal approval; it is most earnestly hoped that the trustees will accept the papers and not require others in June. Those interested see at once that the time to have an examination is when a study is finished. In the Spring term the pupils will perfect themselves in geography, grammar and arithmetic and will be better prepared in these studies for an examination in June; it is feared, however, that the study will be a cramming process, the end in view being the final examination rather than to gain power, skill and to acquire knowledge.

I would suggest this plan in the last year of the grammar school: Give tests once or twice a term, keep a record of these as well as a record of the amount of study and the deportment of the pupils. At the end of the year these marks might be

averaged and a very fair decision reached as to the pupils' ability to do Academic work.

The nervous strain upon the pupils the last month of the school year is tremendous. Parents complain, and justly, for the exertion comes at a time when the study and confinement indoors is the hardest for the young people.

A certain proportion of the class will have completed the grammar school course satisfactorily. Why do they need a final examination? It is my opinion that better habits of study will be acquired, better preparation will be made, if three or four tests are given than if all depends upon a final examination.

Those who are unable to do satisfactory daily work and are unable to stand the tests, and any other candidates, may be allowed an examination at the close of the year. This method is adopted in cities and many towns; there is no inclination to return to the former method.

The subject of irregular attendance has never been considered in the annual report for the reason that it has not been apparent that the trouble could be remedied by so doing. However, the following investigations have been so interesting as well as startling, that those having the matter in charge should be informed.

Emphasis would be placed, however, upon that irregularity which comes from the indifference on the part of the parents and guardians, or their inability to supply suitable clothing, or an eagerness to have their pupils at work. Many times parents are ignorant of the law which says, that every child under fourteen must attend school thirty weeks; again it may be that the law is understood but the parents defy it, as often the parent is unable to clothe the child properly and either private or public assistance must be provided. In Fitchburg a fund of \$200 is appropriated for the aid of indigent pupils.

It is very noticeable that when pupils are interested the attendance is always good, and as well, when the attendance is good the pupils are interested in their work. A report which is given below showing the number in each school, who although of school age have not attended the required time will need your attention.

Name of school.	Average membership.	No. who have not attended thirty weeks.
Center Primary,	24.2	1
Center Grammar,	19.2	0
Tower Hill,	15.5	1
Northeast,	11.2	8
West Brick,	12.6	5
Dunhamtown,	11.3	1
East Brimfield,	23.2	7
West Brimfield,	13	3

The parents of the delinquents should be notified by the truant officers of their disobedience of the state law, the cases should be investigated, and it is for you to decide whether the law should be enforced.

It does not require a long experience in supervision to realize the fact that the majority of pupils are helpless in performing the operations of mental arithmetic. Teachers are prone to require much written and too little mental work. The tendency of the inexperienced teacher is to use for problems improbable numbers while the pupils need to handle the probable, practical problems which they meet in every day life. Why arithmetics of to-day should deal so largely in the former kind is a mystery. The last year, therefore, special attention has been given to this subject; it will not be extravagant to say that the effort has paid; pupils are able to perform reasonable mental problems without pencil and paper. The ends gained are that the memory is trained to keep the entire problem in mind, the reasoning power is developed more rapidly and skill is gained in performing the regular written work.

A quotation from Mr. A. W. Edson's report may not be out of place here. "In advanced grades, if a large proportion of what is offered in the written arithmetics should be treated as mental problems, all the manual operations being omitted, far more discipline and power would be the outcome. Mental arithmetic when well taught leads a pupil to read a problem intelligently, to see the conditions readily, to think a correct conclusion, and to express the same to others promptly and accurate-

ly, far more than can result from much of the diluted figure work of to-day."

Since the last report more thought and attention have been given to the subject of reading. The inability of grammar and high school pupils to pronounce words occurring in their reading and literature classes, was a convincing argument that something was wrong in the methods used; those generally approved at the present time are the word and sentence method. These have been proclaimed everywhere a success until it was made evident that the same method must be used in every grade, that is, the grammar and high school pupils are almost as helpless as the primary so far as the power for studying a new word is concerned.

Evidently something was wrong if the pupils were not able to pronounce readily the words occurring in their grammar high school work, and surely they could not. The difficulty was this, that they had not learned the sounds of the letters or the diacritical marks. Therefore in these schools the study of phonics is combined with the word method as soon as possible. The pupil is taught in the first year a few diacritical marks and to spell by sound. By this plan a step is taken to obtain good tones and a clear utterance; this is continued and enlarged upon in the primary, intermediate and grammar grades so that the pupil is not told the word but studies and pronounces it for himself. The process seemed slow at first but the slowness disappears as the teachers become accustomed to these methods. As more words are studied in a year by the phonic and word method combined more reading can be accomplished. The day is past when one reader will do for the first year, another for the second, when the pupils know the lessons from beginning to end, backward as well as forward. Readers have been bought from time to time, but a regular course was demanded as a guide for advancement in this study as well as in others. The outline which is subject to change, is given below.

OUTLINE FOR READING IN BRIMFIELD SCHOOLS.

First Year.—Three or more Primers.

Second Year—Cyr's and Normal First Reader; others if time allows.

Third Year.—Normal, Cyr's, Barnes' Second Readers, Seaside and Wayside No. 1.

Fourth Year.—Normal and Barnes' Third Reader, Hans Anderson's Stories, Physiology Readers, Hiawatha, Frye's Geographies.

Fifth Year.—Seaside and Wayside No. 2, Seven Little Sisters, Black Beauty, Physiology Readers, Hiawatha, Frye's Geography.

Sixth Year.—Each and All, Stories of American History, Geographical Readers, Hawthorne's Wonder Book.

Seventh Year.—Stories of American History, Geographical Readers, Seaside and Wayside No. 4, Hawthorne's Wonder Book, Courtship of Miles Standish.

Eighth Year.—Geographical Readers, Seaside and Wayside No. 4, Snow Bound, Evangeline, Irving's Sketch Book, Webster's Orations.

If the pupil finishes the grammar school and does not have an opportunity to enjoy the advantages of high school work he has gained a knowledge of the standard literature. Should he not have an opportunity for more advanced work, he is not ignorant.

Not many years since, it was thought that grammar school pupils could not grasp the thoughts of the best writers, but unbelievers can be convinced by inspecting the classes; they will be surprised at the eagerness and enthusiasm exhibited by the young students, who read and study the works of the standard authors. These are not read for the oral expression so much as to teach them to get the thought from the printed page.

You will notice that Hiawatha is placed in the fourth year's work; this would not have been found there but that teachers had told the story to their pupils, had read it to them and then they begged to read it for themselves.

In closing, I would urge the parents, friends, indeed all, to visit the schools. Most of the teachers cheerfully take the care and pains to receive visitors, but a more thorough knowledge of the system and progress of the pupils could be gained by an inspection of the regular school work.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARA A. WOOD.

CHAPTER 498.—AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ATTENDANCE OF
CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOLS.

SECTION 1. Every person having under his control a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years, and in every city and town where opportunity is furnished, in connection with the regular work of the public schools, for gratuitous instruction in the use of tools or in manual training, or for industrial education in any form, a child between the ages of eight and fifteen years, shall annually cause such child to attend some public day school in the city or town in which he resides, and such attendance shall continue for at least thirty weeks of the school year, if the schools are kept open for that length of time, with an allowance of two weeks' time for absences not excused by the superintendent of schools or the school committee. Such period of attendance shall begin within the first month of the fall term of school, and for each five days' absence of any such child thereafter, in excess of the above allowance, before the completion of the required annual attendance of thirty weeks, the person having such child under his control shall, upon the complaint of the school committee or any truant officer, forfeit to the use of the public schools of such city or town a sum not exceeding twenty dollars, but if such child has attended for a like period of time a private day school approved by the school committee of such city or town, or if such child has been otherwise instructed for a like period of time in the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or has already acquired the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or if his physical or mental condition is such as to render such attendance inexpedient or impracticable, such penalties shall not be incurred.

SECT. 3. The truant officers and the school committee of the several cities and towns shall vigilantly inquire into all cases of neglect of the duty prescribed in section one, and ascertain the reasons, if any, therefor; and such truant officers or any of them, shall, when so directed by the school committee, prosecute in the name of the city or town any person liable to the penalty provided for in said section. Police, district and municipal courts, trial justices and judges of the probate court, shall have jurisdiction within their respective counties of the offences described in section one.

Report of School Committee.

To the Citizens of Brimfield:

In the report for 1895, many things might profitably be said concerning the educational interests of the town. Space and time restrict us to a brief reference to the most important matters.

The committee congratulate you on the prosperous condition of the schools and the progress made during the past year in the face of many difficulties.

The citizens of this town have always shown a commendable spirit in their interest and liberal support of their public schools. Much comment is made upon the amount of money expended for school purposes. Generally it starts with those who pay the least toward their support and is circulated by the unthinking. Many ask, "Why do our schools cost so much more than they used to cost?" Because they are better schools, better teachers, better supplies, and improved in every way. We could not return to the old way, if we would. The law regulates and we must comply. In comparing the present with the past it must be considered that whereas formerly all books and materials used in the schools were furnished by the individual parents, now they are furnished collectively by the town.

Practically the source from which the money comes for this purpose is the same but in the first method it did not show in the town report; but coming now, as it does in one sum, through the town treasury, it looks as though the town expended much more for the schools than under the former plan.

Also every thing has improved in quality, more subjects are taught and the books of to-day are worth many times more than

in years gone by. The money spent in securing these is not extravagance. It is a wise investment and the results fully justify the additional outlay. In the early years of school life, more than at any subsequent time, the child's habits are formed. We are responsible to a great extent for their future position in life, and neglect on our part to provide the best start may be the cause of many future failures. To teach children to see and think correctly requires the wisdom of Solomon, and the pen of a Hogarth. At the beginning and during the year we had the misfortune to lose the services of faithful and experienced teachers, but fortune favored us in securing good successors, and these under the excellent supervision of our efficient superintendent, continued the good work without interruption. Too much praise cannot be given to the teachers who have displayed great energy in devising methods in object lessons to keep up the interest of the scholars. Habits of study, and a love or dislike for school work are readily formed, and many are turned from their books by being discouraged. As so much depends upon the right start in school work, too great care cannot be exercised in the selection of teachers.

Here the services of the Superintendent are invaluable. It is only justice to say that our present Superintendent has performed the many duties of the office with fidelity and zeal. Since the method of supervision was adopted by the town, the schools have steadily improved. Many people were opposed to changing from the old method. There can be no improvements without changes. This method is no longer an experiment with us, having tested it for five years, and the results have been such that none who desire the highest prosperity of our schools will entertain the idea of returning to the old method.

The old method has had its day, and towns with a progressive spirit are fast discarding the old for the newer and more successful method. The policy of the Massachusetts Board of Education is ever progressive, and as we are subject to the control of that body there is but one course for us to pursue. Our school-houses, supplies, studies, teaching and superintendence are prescribed by law, and are under its direction and inspection. The requirements must be conformed to. All departments of bus-

iness and labor require more knowledge and skill. The standards set by the larger and wealthier towns are higher. Our children must have the means to acquire the same degree of excellence or be left far in the rear in the race for prizes and positions in life. We had not the abundance to draw from, and here the State most generously came to our assistance, and by advancing money to the smaller and poorer towns—ninety per cent. of the sum being raised by the cities and larger towns—has assisted us in securing the services of efficient workers who would otherwise have been beyond our limited means. Since helping us to secure these the State has increased its allowance so as to enable us to retain them. The State gives us twelve hundred and fifty dollars outright. It pays one-half the salary of the Superintendent. It also gives us five hundred dollars with which to increase the salaries of our teachers. The actual expense of our Superintendent has been about thirty dollars each year. Each act of the legislature favors more strongly the method of supervision by superintendents and it is probable that soon it will be made obligatory for all towns to secure a suitable and competent Superintendent.

The law relating to attendance will be found in the Superintendent's report. The attention of the parents is respectfully directed thereto by the Committee.

R. V. SAWIN,	} School Committee.
G. H. STREETER,	
J. R. BROWN,	

TEACHERS, TERMS AND ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR.

SCHOOLS.	Number Enrolled..	Average Membership.....	Average Attendance.....	Per Cent.....	Tardinesses.....
No. 1, Primary..	34	24.2	22.5	92.9	11
No. 1, Intermediate.....	22	19.2	17.4	90.7	94
No. 2, East Brimfield.....	16	23.2	20.2	87.	55
No. 3, West Brick.....	23	12.6	11.6	92.	59
No. 5, Tower Hill.....	18	15.5	13.7	88.3	95
No. 6, Northeast.....	18	11.2	9.7	86.6	59
No. 7, Dunhamtown.....	14	11.3	9.7	85.8	84
No. 10, West Brimfield.....	26	13.	10.5	80.	65
	171	16.2	14.4	88.3	522

TEACHERS FOR 1894 AND 1895.

SPRING TERM.	FALL TERM.	WINTER TERM.
No. 1. Miss Carrie Smith,	Miss M. I. Kernan,	Miss Kernan, Mr. J. R. Brown.
No. 1. Miss B. F. Brown,	Miss C. E. Morse, Miss Ida Brown,	Miss C. E. Morse.
No. 2. Miss S. F. Macallister,	Miss S. F. Macallister,	Miss S. F. Macallister.
No. 3. Miss Ida Agard,	Miss Ida Agard,	Miss Ida Agard.
No. 5. Miss Alice Ormes,	Mrs. H. W. Parker,	Miss Ida Brown.
No. 6. Miss Margaret Corcoran,	Miss Fanny O'Keefe, Miss Olive Goodwin,	Miss A. M. Sampson.
No. 7. Miss Clara Sutcliffe,	Miss Clara Sutcliffe,	Miss Olive Goodwin.
No. 10. Mr. J. R. Brown,	Mr. J. R. Brown,	Miss Gertrude Bennett.

Town Warrant.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

HAMPDEN SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Brimfield.

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Brimfield, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Brimfield, Monday, the first day of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz :

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, also all committees and agents the business of the town may require. All officers required by law to be chosen by ballot (except Moderator) must be on one ballot. The polls will be open at half-past ten o'clock A. M., and may be closed at half-past two P. M.

ART. 3. To hear reports of officers and agents heretofore chosen by the town, and act thereon.

ART. 4. To raise money for the support of schools, highways, bridges, payment of town debts, and to defray expenses for the ensuing year, and direct how the same shall be expended.

ART 5. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the selectmen.

ART 6. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the current year, also to borrow money to renew, replace, or pay any existing loan, or any part thereof.

ART 7. To see if the town will allow a discount on taxes if paid within certain periods, or act thereon.

ART. 8. To see what disposition the town will make of its dog fund, or act thereon.

Art. 9. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use the means for collecting the taxes which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will cause to be printed the reports of its officers or agents, or any part of the same.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any money for State aid.

Art. 12. To bring in their vote, "Yes" or "No," upon the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Art. 13. To see what sum of money (if any) the Town will appropriate for Decoration Day.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will provide any different method of heating the Town House.

ART. 15. To see if the town will purchase a new hearse, or remodel the old one.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, one at the Center post office, and by mailing a copy to the post office at East Brimfield, and by mailing or otherwise sending a copy to Fosket's Mills and the depot at West Brimfield, seven days at least before the time of holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk of said Brimfield, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this eleventh day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five.

FRANK R. NEWTON,	} Selectmen of Brimfield.
ARTHUR B. BROWN,	
EDWARD B. BROWN,	

OFFICERS' REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 5, 1896.

TURNERS FALLS, MASS.: .

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REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

To the Citizens of Brimfield:

The Selectmen submit the following as their report and a statement of orders drawn on account of bills approved by the various officers and committees chosen by the town for the year ending March 5th, 1896.

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS FOR 1894-5.

Order No.

1.	Geo. A. Blashfield, snow,	\$2 10	
2.	Thomas A. Harwood, “	5 70	
14.	E. L. Bemis, “	1 80	
39.	E. L. Davenport, “	1 12	
3.	E. D. Cushman, monuments for boundary lines,	2 17	
13.	W. L. Daniels, cutting wood,	7 53	
43.	G. E. Allen, edges for scraper,	16 50	
		<hr/>	\$36 92

HIGHWAYS.

	Appropriation,		\$1400 00
Order No.			
16.	Orrin Hicks,	\$80 67	
59.	“ “	16 00	
64.	“ “	1 80	
89.	“ “	39 84	
92.	“ “	45	
124.	“ “	11 50	
141.	“ “	37 33	
165.	“ “	5 39	
185.	“ “	5 83	
264.	“ “	2 03	
		<hr/>	\$200 84

21.	John A. McKinsty,	38 12	
60.	“ “	92 00	
88.	“ “	106 00	
116.	“ “	96 20	
140.	“ “	23 45	
155.	“ “	41 50	
		<hr/>	\$397 27
22.	Philip Burns,	32 50	
63.	“ “	75 00	
90.	“ “	42 00	
118.	“ “	74 50	
249.	“ “	3 50	
		<hr/>	\$227 50
25.	Henry Blodgett,	45 00	
61.	“ “	78 00	
91.	“ “	34 50	
204.	“ “	28 50	
		<hr/>	\$186 00
40.	Byron W. Charles,	1 80	
41.	“ “	68	
86.	“ “	98 20	
142.	“ “	23 50	
		<hr/>	\$124 18
66.	Sanford Booth,	134 15	
106.	“ “	33 85	
164.	“ “	55 00	
190.	“ “	65 10	
		<hr/>	\$288 10
43.	Geo. E. Allen, edge to scraper,	8 50	8 50
67.	E. D. Allen, Gravel Bank,	25 00	25 00
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			\$1457 39

BRIDGES.

Appropriation,			\$100 00
Order No.			
89.	Orrin Hicks,	9 52	
124.	“ “	78	
141.	“ “	2 52	
165.	“ “	1 45	
		<hr/>	\$14 27
105.	Henry Blodgett,		136 88
164.	Sanford Booth,	\$13 08	
190.	“ “	40	
		<hr/>	\$13 48
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			\$164 63

SNOW.

19.	Philip Burns,	\$6 45	
40.	B. W. Charles,	2 50	
		<hr/>	\$8 95

OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Appropriation,	\$450 00
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PAYMENTS.

SELECTMEN.

Order No.			
256.	M. H. Baker,	\$33 00	
263.	Arthur B. Brown,	22 00	
255.	Charles C. Brown,	20 00	
42.	Est. F. R. Newton,	5 00	
17.	Edward B. Brown,	4 00	
		<hr/>	\$84 00

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

256.	M. H. Baker,	\$3 00	
263.	Arthur B. Brown,	3 00	
255.	Charles C. Brown,	5 00	
258.	Geo. M. Hitchcock,	13 00	
		<hr/>	\$24 00

ASSESSORS.

115.	Geo. H. Streeter,	\$31 00	
123.	W. A. Janes,	39 75	
156.	W. A. Janes,	3 00	
163.	Sanford Booth,	36 00	
170.	Geo. H. Streeter,	3 00	
6.	Charles C. Brown,	2 00	
		<hr/>	\$114 75

TOWN CLERK.

258.	Geo. M. Hitchcock,	\$20 00	
	Returning births, marriages and deaths,	13 65	
		<hr/>	\$33 65

CONSTABLE.

250.	F. E. Cook,	\$13 50	\$13 50
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TREASURER.

258.	Geo. M. Hitchcock,	\$30 00	\$30 00
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SEXTON.

258.	Geo. M. Hitchcock,	\$66 50	\$66 50
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COLLECTOR.

198.	W. J. Easter, tax of 1894,	\$20 00	\$20 00
189.	F. G. Hitchcock, tax of 1893,	20 00	\$20 00

BOARD OF HEALTH.

255.	Charles C. Brown,	\$2 00	
256.	M. H. Baker,	4 00	6 00
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			\$412 40

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Order No.

15.	E. W. Carder, janitor,	\$8 33
18.	Needham Moulton, janitor,	8 33
	Needham Moulton, extra work,	25
20.	Cecil T. Bagnall, town reports,	36 80
29.	J. D. Gill, stationery, etc.,	3 00
32.	H. P. Holden, aid to J. W. Goss,	28 00
47.	Needham Moulton,	8 33
54.	H. P. Holden, aid to J. W. Goss,	18 00
58.	E. Howard, repair on clock,	75
65.	M. H. Baker, paid for burial of horse,	2 00
82.	Needham Moulton, janitor,	8 33
84.	W. L. Daniel, labor on common,	6 00
85.	F. Edgar Brown, shavings,	2 70
92.	H. L. Converse, goods for town house,	1 05
95.	M. Anna Tarbell, work on common,	1 60
97.	W. L. Daniels, mowing cemetery,	18 00
99.	Orrin Hicks, officer's fees, district court,	3 80
100.	Needham Moulton, janitor,	8 33
107.	M. H. Baker, paid watching fire,	4 00
109.	Needham Moulton, janitor,	8 33
110.	Palmer Printing Co., tax bills,	1 45
115.	Geo. H. Streeter, postage,	11
119.	F. D. Barton, repairing clock,	2 50
129.	Needham Moulton, janitor,	8 33
133.	H. P. Holden, aid to J. W. Goss,	30 00
134.	C. K. Gamwell, aid to J. W. Goss,	8 25
144.	Porter A. Parker, wood for town house,	18 00
146.	F. E. Brown, wood for town house,	2 15
148.	Needham Moulton, janitor,	8 33
	Needham Moulton, telegrams, etc.,	65
157.	A. F. Fisher, repairs on stoves,	23 05
159.	C. K. Gamwell, aid to J. W. Goss,	8 00
160.	J. H. Gifford, repairs on safe,	7 50
166.	Needham Moulton, janitor,	8 33
168.	W. L. Daniels, cleaning library,	4 60
168.	W. L. Daniels, mowing cemetery,	10 00

174.	H. C. Groves, labor on foundation for safe,	7 00
176.	Orrin Hicks, labor on foundation for safe,	8 00
191.	Geo. M. Hitchcock, cement and labor on foundation for safe,	19 88
192.	Geo. M. Hitchcock, cash for repairing walls of cemetery,	60
195.	H. R. Johnson, index and paper,	3 40
197.	H. P. Holden, aid to J. B. Goss,	30 00
198.	A. F. Fisher, repairs on roof to town hall,	4 98
202.	Needham Moulton, janitor,	8 33
206.	Cook & Studley, officers' fees, dist. court,	18 85
208.	R. V. Sawin, return of births,	2 50
210.	R. V. Sawin, disinfectant,	3 05
211.	H. L. Converse, goods for town hall,	3 84
212.	Edward Bliss, burial of soldier,	35 00
214.	Needham Moulton, janitor,	8 33
215.	Ladd Bros. & Co., insurance,	60 00
218.	A. W. Pierson, oil for town hall,	70
220.	C. B. Fisk, printing,	1 00
223.	H. G. Loomis, casket for Mrs. Bradley,	15 00
224.	Town of Wales, tax,	2 58
225.	O. W. Phelps, return of births,	1 25
227.	J. L. Chaffee, damage to wagon,	2 25
229.	Geo. W. Sherman, ballot clerk,	2 00
231.	C. S. Tarbell, thawing fountain pipe,	1 30
232.	Porter A. Parker, inspector,	115 63
234.	Needham Moulton, janitor and furnishings,	8 47
244.	M. Anna Tarbell, labor at library,	65
256.	M. H. Baker, use of team and labor,	6 75
258.	G. M. Hitchcock, express, postage, etc.,	12 09
263.	Arthur B. Brown, watching fire, etc.,	3 60
186.	C. L. Gould, police officer,	2 00
187.	Oscar F. Brown, ballot clerk,	3 00
26.	Memorial fund,	200 00
	Old bills of 1894-5,	9 70

 \$918 91

STATE AND MILITARY AID.

State aid paid under Chap. 301, Acts of 1889, and which the State repays.

Military aid paid under Chap. 301, Acts of 1889, which the State repays one-half.

Appropriation by town,	\$50 00
Repaid by State for Military aid,	48 00
Repaid by State for State aid,	496 00

PAYMENTS FOR MILITARY AID.

Levi W. Emerson,	\$88 00
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PAYMENTS FOR STATE AID.

Olive M. Groves,	\$48 00	
Alonzo Allen,	48 00	
Mary A. Brownell,	48 00	
Austin N. Moulton,	60 00	
Alnia E. Sibley,	48 00	
Harriet A. Streeter,	44 00	
Dennis Smith,	48 00	
Margaret H. Marsh,	48 00	
Elmer W. Carder,	35 00	
Francis E. Cook,	48 00	
Francis A. Wood,	36 00	
Clara Newport,	8 00	
Elvira Carder,	12 00	
Lyman E. Needham,	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$625 00

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

County tax,	\$479 00
State tax,	255 00

TOWN DEBT AND INTEREST.

No.			
57.	Palmer Savings Bank, interest,	\$56 25	
126.	Palmer Savings Bank, note and interest,	1007 78	
172.	Palmer Savings Bank, interest.	56 25	
		<hr/>	\$1120 28

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

Orders drawn on bills as approved by the Overseers of the Poor for 1895-6,	\$1250 68
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For itemized account see report of Overseers of the Poor.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Orders drawn on bills approved by School Committee,	\$2661 17
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REPAIRS OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

Orders drawn on bills approved by School Committee,	\$96 11
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For itemized account see report of School Committee.

M. H. BAKER, Chairman Selectmen of Brimfield.

Collectors' Report.

A. G. TARBELL, COLLECTOR FOR 1892.

1895.	Dr.		
March 5.	To bal. of tax uncollected,	\$181 06	
1896.	Cr.		
March 4.	By cash,	40 00	
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	Bal. uncollected,		\$141 06
	Signed,		

A. G. TARBELL, Collector.

ELIJAH ALLEN, COLLECTOR FOR 1895.

1895.	Dr.		
Aug. 19.	Amount of tax,	\$7258 73	
	Amount paid treasurer,	6036 17	
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	Balance uncollected,		\$1222 56
	Signed,		

ELIJAH ALLEN, Collector.

Overseers of the Poor.

FARM PRODUCTS IN 1895.

12 tons English hay.	1 bushel cucumbers.
16 tons meadow hay.	200 lbs. squash.
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ tons mowed oats.	250 lbs. cabbage.
4 tons corn fodder.	200 lbs. turnips.
1 ton rowen.	60 lbs. poultry.
50 bushels corn.	1753 lbs. pork.
20 bushels sweet corn.	\$283.48 cream.
2 tons green corn fodder.	100 doz. eggs.
2 bushels beets.	450 lbs. beef.
1 bushel parsnips.	150 bushels potatoes.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF BRIMFIELD FOR ALMS- HOUSE AND FARM.

INVENTORY AT ALMSHOUSE, MARCH 2d, 1895.

	DR.	
Farm,	\$4000	00
Neat stock,	527	50
Hay and grain,	248	40
Farming tools, wood, etc.,	469	35
Provisions,	148	66
Household furniture,	299	80
Interest on the above at 4 per cent.,	227	75
	<hr/>	\$5921 46
Orders paid at almshouse,	\$855	05
Orders for outside poor,	386	49
Bills paid at almshouse by warden by pro- ducts of the farm,	526	97

Bills paid by warden by cash received for labor,	190 25	
Due city of Brockton, (est.,)	10 00	
Due town of Monson,	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$1972 76
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		\$7894 22

ORDERS PAID FOR ALMSHOUSE FOR THE YEAR
ENDING FEB. 29th, 1896.

Order No.			
4.	Services 1894, M. H. Corbin,	\$12 00	
6.	C. C. Brown, making report,	6 00	
7.	R. V. Sawin, M. D., medical service,	9 00	
23.	F. G. Hitchcock, groceries, etc.,	14 34	
24.	H. L. Converse, groceries, etc.,	35 25	
33.	J. A. McKinstry, services as warden,	35 42	
55.	H. L. Converse, groceries, etc.,	22 92	
87.	J. A. McKinstry, services as warden,	106 25	
94.	H. L. Converse, groceries, etc.,	31 52	
101.	R. V. Sawin, M. D., medical services,	32 25	
108.	H. L. Converse, groceries,	12 87	
125.	H. L. Converse, groceries,	17 59	
131.	R. V. Sawin, M. D., medical services,	26 50	
140.	J. A. McKinstry, salary,	106 25	
145.	H. L. Converse, groceries,	19 67	
	H. L. Converse, groceries,	20 96	
208.	Dr. R. V. Sawin, medical service,	13 50	
209.	J. A. McKinstry, salary,	106 25	
211.	H. L. Converse, groceries,	22 52	
	H. L. Converse, groceries,	9 96	
	J. A. McKinstry, salary to March 1st, 1896,	70 82	
	J. A. McKinstry, money advanced,	71 31	
	H. L. Converse, groceries,	15 25	
		<hr/>	\$818 40
250.	F. E. Cook, services and expenses,	\$26 65	
246.	O. E. Parker, services at almshouse,	10 00	
		<hr/>	\$36 65
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			\$855 05

ORDERS PAID FOR OUTSIDE POOR FOR YEAR
ENDING FEB. 29TH, 1896.

Order No.

7.	Dr. R. V. Sawin, for Mrs. Dion,	\$7 25
31.	H. P. Holden, goods for Mrs. Dion,	4 35
50.	O. E. Parker, sending Ed. Lombard to Kansas,	42 35
57.	H. P. Holden, for Mrs. Dion,	1 80
52.	A. W. Pierson, goods for Mrs. Dion,	12 77
62.	E. W. Hitchcock, meat for Mrs. Dion,	18 02
101.	Dr. R. V. Sawin, for Mrs. Dion,	5 00
104.	H. P. Holden, goods for Mrs. Dion,	2 00
	Dr. R. V. Sawin, for Lewis Nephew, State pauper,	7 50
122.	Geo. M. Hitchcock, coffin for tramp,	15 00
143.	E. W. Hitchcock, meat for Mrs. Dion,	7 90
207.	Gilbert Roth, care of F. S. Gardner,	13 00
208.	Dr. R. V. Sawin, for Mrs. W. F. Whitcomb,	30 50
216.	F. E. Cook, going after coffin for Felix Wedge,	2 00
219.	City of Brockton, aid to Dearth family,	16 80
246.	O. E. Parker, services and expenses,	4 12
248.	F. C. Gardner, for F. S. Gardner,	2 50
	Aid rendered toward support Eugene McCrillis,	57 39
	Amount paid for support of Lewis Nephew,	120 00
	H. L. Converse, for F. S. Gardner,	1 00
121.	A. W. Pierson, goods for Mrs. Dion,	10 24
	F. E. Cook, services and expenses,	5 00
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		\$386 49

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMS- HOUSE, FEB. 29TH, 1896.

	Cr.	
1 horse,	\$65 00	
1 horse,	100 00	
8 cows,	180 00	
1 2-year-old,	16 00	
2 yearlings,	20 00	
22 fowls,	11 00	
11 tons English hay, \$17.00,	187 00	
13 tons meadow hay, \$6.00,	78 00	
Corn fodder,	2 50	
15 bush. rye, 60c.,	9 00	
9 bush. shelled corn,	4 50	
	<hr/>	\$673 00
 Farm as appraised,	 \$4000 00	
Farming tools, wood, etc.,	423 60	
Provisions,	169 93	
House furniture,	277 05	
	<hr/>	\$4870 58
 Due from State for Lewis Nephew,	 \$126 00	
Due from town of Gardner,	30 50	
Due from town of Wales,	16 50	
Received from County Hampden, burial of tramp,	15 00	
By cash received farm products,	526 97	
Cash received for labor,	190 25	
	<hr/>	\$905 22
Total,		<hr/> \$6448 80

Balance amount it has cost to support the	
poor,	\$1445 42

Deduct the expenses outside poor, 386 49

And the cost of those at the almshouse is 1058 93

Average number inmates, at almshouse, 13 1-5.

Number of weeks' board of inmates, 686

Number of tramps 740, estimated at $\frac{3}{4}$ day each, 79

Total number of weeks' board at almshouse, 765

Cost of each week's board at almshouse, \$1.30.

Deduct interest on farm, cost per week, \$1.00.

F. E. COOK, } Overseers
O. E. PARKER, } of Poor.

Overseers of Poor,	\$7894 22	Dr.
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6448 80 Cr.

Cost to support the poor,	\$1445 42
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Public Library.

GEO. M. HITCHCOCK, IN ACCOUNT WITH TRUSTEES OF
PUBLIC LIBRARY.

1895.	Dr.		
Apr. 2.	To cash on hand,	\$47 10	
	Appropriation by the town,	148 10	
1896.			
Mar. 2.	Cash rec'd of librarian for		
	catalogues sold,	7 50	
	For fines,	2 10	
		<hr/>	\$204 80

1895.	Cr.		
Apr. 23.	By cash paid books, mag-		
	azines, express, etc.,	105 78	
	Cash paid librarian, salary,	50 00	
	Cash balance on hand,	49 02	
		<hr/>	\$204 80

GEO. M. HITCHCOCK, Treasurer.

OSCAR F. BROWN,	} Approved by Trustees.
WEBSTER K. PEIRCE,	
LIZZIE W. NOYES,	
M. ANNA TARBELL,	

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The importance of the free public library has never been so generally recognized nor so deeply felt as it is to-day. Towns are making liberal appropriations for the support of their libraries, and we constantly read of bequests and gifts to them from individuals. Besides these outward signs of the growth of the library movement there has never been a time when so much attention has been given to the subject of how to make public libraries most profitable to the people. It is now eighteen years since the town of Brimfield voted to establish a free public library. Its continued support by appropriations made each year since that time shows the importance in which the library has been held by the town; while we believe that its privileges have never meant so much to the people of Brimfield as at the present time.

Within the past few years the State has been actively promoting library interests by giving both material assistance and a certain amount of supervision. An act was passed by the legislature of 1890, whose object was "to promote the establishment and efficiency of free public libraries." The act provided for "The Free Public Library Commission," and the commissioners were authorized to expend the sum of \$100 for books for the establishment of a free public library in any town entitled to the benefit and accepting the provisions of the act. Since that time another act has been passed providing for the expenditure of \$100 for books for the free public library of any town with a valuation of less than \$600,000 which maintained such a library before the passage of the act of 1890 and which accepts the provisions of the act. As Brimfield is entitled to the benefit of this law, it is hoped that our library will soon have some addition to its resources through the generosity of the State. The act of 1890 also provides that the librarian of any library may consult the Commission with reference to the selection of books and any matters pertaining to the maintenance and administration of the library. Each year every librarian receives a list of questions

relative to the condition and progress of the library, the answers to which are used in the preparation of the annual report made by the Library Commission to the legislature.

During the past year advantage has been taken of the privilege of consultation regarding our library, and suggestions arising from the questions received have been acted upon with profit. The fact that a town library no longer stands by itself, an isolated institution, but enjoys some degree of supervision, tends to increase its responsibility and effectiveness and to cause beneficial comparison of one library with another. It is not enough that a library exists in a community; it should do good as well as be good, and grow in influence as well as in contents.

Apart from the recommendation of the Committee to that effect, all will agree that the library should be a direct help to the schools. During the past year the teachers in town have been assisted in the selection of books illustrating the lessons of their pupils, and they have testified to the benefit derived from their use. The pupils themselves have also come to the library for such books. To aid this work the supervisor of schools has placed a library catalogue in each school in town. Since the formation of the reading habit and a taste for good reading in early years is of so great importance, the needs of the young people have been borne in mind in the selection of books, both for instruction and entertainment.

“The Daughters of the Revolution,” by Charles Carleton Coffin, recently added to the library, is always spoken of with enthusiasm by its readers, and is in constant demand. Another volume has been added in the series of Knox’s instructive and popular “Boy Travellers.”

“Green Mountain Boys,” but recently placed in the library, is being read with great interest by the older as well as younger readers. “The Patriot Schoolmaster” teaches the lesson of patriotism in an interesting story of the beginnings of the struggle for independence. New copies of Miss Alcott’s “Little Women” and “Little Men” have replaced the old ones thoroughly worn out by constant reading. Other good books for young people have been added, which, like all the best works written especially for them, are profitable reading for old and young alike, since the

highest order of talent is now enlisted in this field of literature. In recommending books to the older boys and girls, however, an effort has been made to prevent the works of Sir Walter Scott from being lost sight of through the abundance of more recent publications.

During the past year there have been added to the circulating department of the library 106 volumes, 17 of which have been presented; 22 volumes have been received for the reference department from the state and national governments. The library has been open on 158 days; 356 persons have drawn books, and 3445 volumes have been taken out for home use, besides 771 magazines. The number of magazines subscribed for is 9 since Jan. 1st and the demand for them is large. The contributors of books are, Representative Horace Wallace, "A Friend," Albert Converse, Miss Chandler of Lancaster and Mrs. Willard of Boston.

In estimating the efficiency of a library both its character and the degree to which it is used must be taken into account. "Treasures unused are valueless." There has been an increase of circulation the past year, largely owing to the co-operation of the teachers in town who have carried out books to their several districts. Through the special efforts of the teacher in East Brimfield, many more people in that village than ever before have enjoyed the privileges of the town library. Figures showing the number of volumes drawn during a certain period of time cannot be, however, a perfect indication of the efficiency of a library. It is evident that books requiring considerable thought will not circulate so rapidly and yet do quite as much good as those of a lighter nature. The selection of books enters into the effectiveness of a library, and it is essential that the different departments of literature and science be represented so as to supply various needs and meet the different objects of reading. Said James Russell Lowell, "The best part of a man's education is that which he gives himself, and for that a good library should furnish the opportunity and the means." Books are the best of companions as well as teachers, affording besides instruction, recreation, inspiration and cheer. Some departments in our library need strengthening to increase its influence, and it is

hoped that the needed additions will be made as soon as the funds at the disposal of the library will admit.

We are indebted to the Woman's Educational Association of Boston for the recent loan to our library of a valuable set of works upon American history. These books are selected to cover four periods of our history from the beginning of the Revolutionary War up to the Civil War. Accompanying these books are references to the works contained in our library in which the events and characters of these periods are treated differently or more in detail. This affords an unusual opportunity for systematic reading and an increased use of our own library which is especially good in American biography.

Although the travelling library is not an entirely new arrangement this is the first trial of one of exactly this nature. Its success will be estimated by the amount of reading the books receive, and will influence the continuation of the plan.

There has been sadness connected with the library during the past year on account of the long sickness and death of Elmer W. Carder who had faithfully served as librarian for nine years. His cordial feeling and obliging disposition won for him the regard of the patrons of the library, and those whom he served during his long term of office there will always hold the memory of Mr. Carder among the pleasant associations connected with the Brimfield Public Library.

In the death of Samuel W. Brown, the library has lost a friend who was one of its original promoters, and who maintained an active interest in it as long as he lived. He contributed to it many books from his own collection from time to time and these volumes form a valued memorial of one by whom our library was so deeply cherished.

THE LIBRARY AS A REPOSITORY OF LOCAL HISTORY.

A library has another object besides the circulation of books. "The town library fails in one of the most important reasons for its being if it does not become a treasury of local history and biography, a popular repository of anything procurable, whether

printed page, manuscript or picture that tells aught of the trials and pluck of the town's pioneers; that serves to illustrate the social, intellectual and religious movements among the people; that preserves faithful record of accidents and incidents, sayings and doings, amusements and industries, manners and customs."

A beginning of this work has been made by the preservation of biography and the records of events during the past year, and the co-operation of the townspeople is solicited in the shape of material either in print or manuscript which will help preserve our history. Pamphlets, catalogues, programs, newspapers, newspaper clippings, advertisements, letters, sermons, addresses, records and other documents; are there not many such things which might be collected, perhaps from the attics of Brimfield, which are in danger of being lost? Nothing can be considered unimportant which is material for historical record. Besides matter of a purely local import, old books are desirable for preservation in the library, some of the ancient volumes which have already been presented being among its most valuable possessions.

M. ANNA TARBELL, Librarian.

APPROPRIATIONS AND PAYMENTS FOR 1895-6.

	Appropriations.		Payments.	
For highway repairs,		\$1400 00	\$1473 89	
Bridges,		100 00	164 63	
Snow Paths,		150 00	19 67	
Schools,	\$1450 00			
School Superintendent,	375 00			
Income of school fund,	412 80			
School Superintendent,	225 00			
Services of school committee,	50 00			
Conveyance of pupils,	100 00			
Text books and supplies,	125 00	2737 80	2661 17	
School house repairs,		150 00	96 11	
Support of paupers,		1200 00.	1250 68	
Officers' salaries,		450 00	412 40	
Miscellaneous expenses,		800 00	918 91	
County tax,			479 00	
State tax,			255 00	
State and military aid,		50 00		
Repaid by State,		544 00	625 00	
Memorial Day,		50 00		
Interest on town debt,		100 00	120 28	

Treasurer's Report.

GEORGE M. HITCHCOCK, IN ACCOUNT WITH
TOWN OF BRIMFIELD.

1895.		DR.	
March	1.	To cash on hand,	\$3625 99
	18.	Cash received of Common- wealth, corporation tax,	13 01
		Cash received of Common- wealth for support of pau- pers,	37 70
	23.	Cash received of A. W. Pierson, lumber,	6 40
April	6.	Cash received of E. W. Hitchcock, slaughter house license,	1 00
	25.	Cash received of J. C. Spring, slaughter house license,	1 00
July	3.	Palmer Savings Bank,	1000 00
	11.	Cash received of Geo. Robinson, justice, for fines due Town of Brimfield,	5 00
	25.	Cash received of W. J. Easter, bal. of 1894 tax and interest,	311 84
Sept.	2.	Cash received of State for burial of man killed on R. R.	15 00
	11.	Cash received of Town of Palmer, half expense on bridge near West Brim- field,	68 44
	21.	Cash received of J. R. Brown, on account of School Superintendent,	375 00
Oct.	7.	Cash received of C. A. Sweet, material for black board,	2 00

Oct.	7.	Cash received of Louis E. Robinson, for half of lot No. 265 in Cemetery,	5 00
Nov.	4.	Cash received of A. G. Tarbell, on tax of 1892,	40 00
	25.	Cash received of Frank G. Hitchcock, balance of 1893 tax and interest,	86 53
Dec.	2.	Cash received of Commonwealth on Corporation tax,	103 53
		Cash received of Commonwealth, National Bank tax,	118 01
		Cash received of Commonwealth, Military aid,	48 00
		Cash received of Commonwealth, State Aid,	496 00
	31.	Cash received of Second Congregational Society, for use of town hall to April 12, 1896,	125 00
1896.			
Jan.	15.	Cash received of Geo. E. Hitchcock, for slaughter house license,	1 00
	16.	Cash received for wood used at West brick school house,	1 10
		Cash received of County Treasurer, dog fund,	164 49
	21.	Cash received of town of Brookfield for burial Felix Wedge,	28 50
	27.	Cash received of State Treasurer, income Mass. school fund,	412 80
Mar.	1.	Cash received of John M. Warren, cemetery lot,	10 00
		Cash received of Orrin Hicks, for soil sold from highway,	1 25

Cash received of town of		
Warren, for schooling,	36	00
Cash received for town		
histories sold,	5	80
Cash received for use of		
town hall,	30	00
Cash received of E. Allen,		
on tax of 1895,	6036	17
	<hr/>	\$13,210 76

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BY ORDERS OF SELECTMEN PAID.

For highway repairs,	1473	89	
Bridges,	164	63	
Snow paths,	19	67	
Support of schools,	2661	17	
Repairs of school houses,	96	11	
Support of paupers,	1250	68	
Officers' salaries,	412	40	
Miscellaneous expenses,	918	91	
County tax,	479	00	
State tax,	255	00	
State and military aid,	625	00	
Debt and interest,	1120	28	
To library (dog fund,)	195	20	
Fountain,	125	00	
Cash on hand,	3413	82	
	<hr/>		\$13,210 76

We, the undersigned, have examined the above account and the vouchers and find it to be correct.

EDWARD BLISS, }
 GEORGE W. EARLE, } Auditors.

Brimfield, March 20, 1896.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

1896.

ASSETS.

March 5.	Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$3413 82	
	Due from State, Military Aid,	44 00	
	From State, State Aid,	625 00	
	Balance of tax of 1892,	141 06	
	Balance of tax of 1895,	1222 56	
	From State for Superin-		
	tendent,	375 00	
	From State for burial		
	of Soldier,	35 00	
	From State, Inspector of		
	animals and provisions,	67 81	
	From State for support		
	of Lewis Nephew,	126 00	
	From town of Gardner,	30 50	
	From town of Wales,	16 50	
	From R. V. Sawin,	7 25	
	From State on Harness		
	case,	23 00	
	From State on Brewster		
	case,	3 00	
	From F. W. Fenton,		
	old bill	8 00	
	From John A. Elliot,		
	(Aid,)	10 00	
		<hr/>	\$6,148 50

1896.

LIABILITIES.

March 5.	Due Palmer Savings Bank,		
	note and interest,		
	March 1st, 1896,	2528 13	
	City of Brockton, estimated,	10 00	
	Town of Monson,	4 00	
	Aid to J. B. Goss,	18 00	
	Unused Memorial appropria-		
	tion,	50 00	
	On outstanding bills,	100 00	
	Balance of assets over liabilities,	3438 37	
		<hr/>	\$6,148 50

HARRIET ALLEN FUND.

Principal in Springfield Institution for Savings, Jan. 1, 1896,	\$263 44
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N. M. GOODALE FUND.

Principal in Springfield Institution for Savings, Jan. 1, 1896,	\$57 92
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MEMORIAL FUND.

Principal in Springfield Institution for Savings, Jan. 1, 1896,	\$206 04
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Report of Town Clerk.

INSURANCE ON TOWN PROPERTY.

EXPIRES.	NAME OF COMPANY.	PROPERTY.	AMOUNT.	
Oct. 17, 1898	Royal of Liverpool	Town House	\$1,650	
Oct. 17, 1898	Royal of Liverpool	Furniture, etc.	850	
Oct. 17, 1898	Hartford	Town House	1,650	
Oct. 17, 1898	Hartford	Furniture, etc.	850	
Mar. 22, 1890	Ins. Co. of North America	Town House	2,000	
			<hr/>	\$7,000
Jan. 20, 1901	Ætna of Hartford	Public Library		2,000
April 25, 1896	Quincy Mutual	Almshouse	\$1,700	
Feb. 1, 1897	Ætna of Hartford	Almshouse	700	
Feb. 1, 1897	Ætna of Hartford	Furniture	400	
Feb. 1, 1897	Ætna of Hartford	Ice House	100	
July 15, 1897	Ætna of Hartford	Almshouse barn	1,800	
Dec. 1, 1897	Phœnix of Brooklyn	Hoghouse	100	
Dec. 1, 1897	Phœnix of Brooklyn	Hay, grain tools	400	
Dec. 1, 1897	Phœnix of Brooklyn	Live Stock	500	
			<hr/>	\$5,700
Dec. 1, 1896	Ætna of Hartford	Schoolhouse No. 1	\$2,700	
Aug. 8, 1899	Ætna of Hartford	Schoolhouse No. 2	1,000	
			<hr/>	\$3,700
			<hr/>	\$18,400

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1895.

DATE.	BRIDEGROOM.	RESIDENCE.	BRIDE.	RESIDENCE.
July 9, 1895.	Geo. W. Earle,	Brimfield,	Sarah Mayo Wood,	Brimfield
Aug. 14, 1895.	Geo. H. O'Dell,	Staffordville, Ct.,	Mary L. Royce,	Brimfield
Sept. 1, 1895.	Anthony Juirard,	North Oxford,	Emma Champaux,	Brimfield
Sept. 3, 1895.	Wm. L. Davenport,	Brimfield,	Sadie L. Macallister,	Brimfield
Sept. 30, 1895.	Freman Champaux,	Brookfield,	Flora Collett,	Brimfield
Oct. 14, 1895.	James S. George,	Wales,	Maud A. Bean,	Brimfield
Oct. 14, 1895.	Fred L. Knight,	Wakefield, Mass.,	Myrtie E. Bean,	Brimfield
Oct. 21, 1895.	Peter Proulx,	Brimfield,	Cora Sampson,	Palmer
Nov. 7, 1895.	Geo. E. Sibley,	Brimfield,	M. Jennie Steward,	Brimfield
Nov. 13, 1895.	Charlie G. Thompson,	Wales,	Mary E. Corbin,	Brimfield
Nov. 13, 1895.	Frank E. Bridges,	—	Mary E. Williams,	—

BIRTHS RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1895.

DATE OF BIRTH.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Jan. 7,	Madaline Francis Adams,	F.,	Samuel H. and Augusta (White) Adams.
Feb. 6,	Gustave Ernest Stanger,	M.	Gustave A. and Caroline (Williams) Stanger.
Apr. 11,	Elizabeth M. Groves,	F.,	Harrison C. and Edith W. (Colburn) Groves.
Apr. 24,	Napoleon D. Benway,	M.,	Levi and Julia (St. John) Benway.
May 11,	Philena Victoria Berodeur,	F.,	Alexander and Ellen (Ashland) Berodeur.
May 29,	Joseph Stevens Sartwell,	M.,	Miles and Mary (Clapper) Sartwell.
June 22,	Samuel Mantha,	M.,	Anther and Meloina (Collette) Mantha.
July 1,	Anna May Hitchcock,	F.,	Geo. E. and Mary T. (Kenney) Hitchcock.
July 8,	Robert Geo. Plimpton,	M.,	Geo. C. and Emma L. (Davenport) Plimpton.
May 21,	Agnes M. Brewster,	B. F.,	William and Julia (Smith) Brewster.
Nov. 21,	Esther Maud Dodge Ryder,	F.,	Everett T. Dodge and Nellie M. Ryder.
Dec. 11,	Freman Collotte,	M.,	Samuel and Lydia (Julian) Collette.

DEATHS RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1895.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	AGE.		
			YRS.	MOS.	DAYS.
Feb. 16,	Erastus Crittenden,	Heart disease,	81		
Feb. 20,	Charles E. Bellows,	Paralysis of heart,	46	11	29
Mar. 3,	Almira Moore,	Cancer of stomach,	63	6	
Mar. 8,	Samuel W. Brown.	Bright's disease of kidneys,	72	3	28
Mar. 12,	Julia M. Stetson,	Bright's disease,	68	8	25
Mar. 20,	Edwin B. Webber,	Urermia,	76	6	19
Mar. 27,	Frank R. Newton,	Peritonitis,	42	0	27
Apr. 13,	Hattie M. Watson,	Paralysis of heart,	17	6	5
Apr. 14,	Mary Dunham,	Heart disease,	68	7	1
Apr. 15,	Amity B. Healy,	La Grippe and exhaustion,	75	8	
Apr. 17,	Henry Clark,	La Grippe and paralysis,	78		
Apr. 18,	Lorana Andrews,	La Grippe,	77		
Apr. 24,	Laura C. Green,	La Grippe and pneumonia,	55	1	12
May 4,	Napoleon D. Benway,	Inanition,			11
July 3,	Unknown,	Killed on R. R.,			
July 4,	Lyman P. Green,	Consumption,	69	3	26
July 8,	Rebecca C. Bliss.	Apoplexy,	83	2	4
Aug. 20,	Gustave E. Stanger,	Meningitis,		7	
Aug. 24,	Melissa Fleming,	Apoplexy,	70	1	
Aug. 26,	Edward St. George,	Cholera Infantum,		1	
Oct. 5,	Elmer W. Carder,	Organic disease of heart,	73	10	21
Oct. 28,	Mary White,	Cancer,	65	2	24
Dec. 8,	John. F. Lombard,	Disease of heart and bladder,	72	5	21
Dec. 16,	Not named,	Still born,			
Dec. 21,	Ruby Olive Brown,	Diphtheria,	7	3	7

PERSONS BROUGHT HERE FROM OTHER PLACES FOR BURIAL.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME.	PLACE OF DEATH.	AGE		
			YRS.	MOS.	DAYS.
Apr. 16.	Lois P. Moulton,	Stafford Springs,	71		
Apr. 19.	Geo. N. Bacon,	Fiskdale,	60		
June 1.	Henry L. Bliss,	Worcester,	62	2	25
June 30.	John N. Hubbard.	Evanston, Ill.	47		
July 25.	Lucinda A. Lawrence,	Warren,	84	3	22
Sept. 7.	Caroline Harvey,	Palmer,	70	4	
Dec. 19.	Laura E. Harvey,	Palmer,	63	1	

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

Town of Brimfield, Mass.

1896.

Appropriation available for use of the school department,	\$1450 00	
Income from State School fund,	412 80	
State aid for supervision,	375 00	
Appropriation for Superintendent's salary,	2 25	
“ “ School committee's salary,	50 00	
“ “ Conveyance of pupils,	100 00	
“ “ Text books and supplies,	125 00	
“ “ School house repairs,	150 00	
Received from town of Warren for tuition,	36 00	
“ for supplies sold,	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$2926 30

EXPENDED FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 5, 1896.

School department including salaries of teachers, janitors and cost of fuel,	1911 95	
Superintendent's salary,	450 00	
School committee's salary,	39 50	
Conveyance of pupils,	55 75	
Cost of text books and supplies,	155 97	
“ “ school house repairs,	96 11	
Services of truant officer,	5 75	
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ORDERS DRAWN ON TOWN TREASURER.

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS OF 1894-5.

No. of Order.

4.	M. H. Corbin, conveyance,	7 25	
5.	Geo. W. Daniels, jani- tor No. 1,	8 00	
8.	R. V. Sawin, services school committee,	8 25	
9.	F. E. Cook, services truant officer,	2 50	
10.	C. A. Sweet, conveyance,	8 25	
112.	A. C. Piney, convey- ance 1893,	2 50	
137.	W. L. Daniels, cleaning No. 1,	5 50	
		<hr/>	\$42 25
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			\$2757 28
	Balance unexpended,		169 02
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		\$2926 30	\$2926 30

Total funds for school department,

\$1901 30

ORDERS DRAWN ON THE TOWN TREASURER.

NO. OF ORDER.	NO. OF SCHOOL.	NAME OF TEACHER.	WAGES OF SPRING TERM.	WAGES OF FALL TERM.	WAGES OF WINTER TERM.	WAGES OF JANITORS.	COST OF FUEL.	COST OF EACH SCHOOL. TOTALS.
73, 167, 237. 171, 259.	1. 1. 1.	J. Wilson Brown, Cora E. Morse, Ida R. Agard,	\$80 00 80 00 70 00	\$88 00 88 00 77 00	\$88 00 88 00 77 00	\$12 90	\$1 25	\$526 15
74. 175. 239. 75.	2. 2. 2. 3.	S. L. McAllister, Lucy M. Booth, S. L. Davenport, Ida R. Agard,	70 00 70 00 70 00 63 70	77 00 66 00 66 00 66 00	77 00 66 00 66 00 66 00	6 75 2 00 5 50	18 75	249 50 209 50
177, 238. 76. 169, 236.	3. 5. 5.	Maggie Locke, Ida M. Brown, E. Stella Allen,	63 70 65 00 65 00	66 00 71 50 66 00	66 00 71 50 66 00	6 95 6 75 2 50	14 75 26 00 34 50	217 40 240 75 238 95
80, 173, 241. 72. 203, 240. 77.	6. 7. 7. 10.	Minnie J. Corbin, Olive A. Goodwin, Robert F. Merriam, Grace A. Hurlburt,	65 00 65 00 65 00 65 00	66 00 66 00 66 00 66 00	66 00 66 00 66 00 66 00	4 95 2 00 2 00 4 20	20 50	217 70 12 00
184, 235. 261.	10. 10.	Nellie Haley, Town of Warren,		66 00	60 00	4 20	20 50	217 70 12 00
			\$558 70	\$588 50	\$582 50	\$54 50	\$115 75	\$1,911 95

Appropriation for salary of school superintendent,

Paid superintendent Clara A. Wood,

Received from State for supervision,

Amount of appropriation used,

Balance of appropriation unexpended,

\$225 00
\$450 00
375 00
75 00
\$150 00

Appropriation for services of School Committee,		\$50 00
No. of Order.		
135.	R. V. Sawin,	\$8 00
252.	N. S. Hubbard,	15 00
260.	J. Reed Brown,	16 50
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		\$39 50
250.	F. E. Cook, services truant officer,	\$5 75
Appropriation for conveyance of pupils,		\$100 00
81.	J. L. Stanton,	\$7 50
139.	C. A. Sweet,	3 75
154.	E. D. Allen,	5 75
180.	J. L. Stanton,	5 50
181.	M. H. Corbin,	13 75
242.	J. L. Stanton,	8 25
251.	E. D. Allen,	3 50
265.	M. H. Corbin,	7 75
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		\$55 75
Appropriation for text books and supplies,		\$125 00
37.	Smith and White,	\$42 35
44.	Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	3 89
45.	Boston School Supply Co.,	3 00
46.	Springfield News Supply Co.,	21 81
149.	Boston School Supply Co.,	5 00
150.	Springfield News Supply Co.,	2 90
152.	Thorp & Martin,	2 04
153.	Perry Mason & Co.,	1 00
213.	Ginn & Co.,	62 74
233.	J. L. Hammett,	4 00
260.	J. Reed Brown,	7 24
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		\$155 97
Appropriation for Schoolhouse repairs,		\$150 00
No. of Order.		
36.	W. L. Daniels, cleaning No. 1,	\$3 00
48.	Needham Moulton, wire for fence	
	No. 1,	80
111.	F. A. Holdridge, painting No. 1,	10 30
113.	L. F. Carter, paint, oil, etc., Nos.	
	1 and No. 7,	33 47
117.	H. E. Benson, painting No. 2,	29 88
169.	E. Stella Allen, key No. 5,	25
217.	Lizzie Fletcher, cleaning No. 5,	3 00
260.	J. Reed Brown, repairs,	15 41
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		\$96 11

The above financial report shows a small amount, \$169.02, unexpended. Of this sum \$150 is left from the \$225 appropriation for salary of Superintendent. The State requires us to appropriate our proportion of the amount to be raised for that purpose. But as it gives us \$375 out of the \$450 necessary to pay the Superintendent, we use but \$75 of the same appropriated.

The attention of the taxpayers is called to the fact that the two rooms in the Center school have become unsuitable for the arrangement and accommodation of the pupils now enrolled. Each year it has become more evident that sooner or later extensive alterations both in the shape of the rooms and the plan of seating, will be required. The committee did not think it advisable to make any changes until it became definitely decided what additional accommodations were needed.

In regard to the progress of the scholars and the needs of the schools, we refer you to the Superintendent's report, which is presented as a part of this report of the committee.

R. V. SAWIN,	} School Committee.
N. S. HUBBARD,	
J. R. BROWN,	

Report of School Superintendent.

To the School Committee of Brimfield:

My fourth report and the sixth in the superintendency of the town is hereby presented. Your attention is first called to statistics gained from the school registers. The high school pupils are included in this report.

Number of children in town between five and fifteen years, as given in census,	157
Whole number of pupils enrolled in schools,	168
Whole number of town pupils enrolled in high school,	17
Average number belonging in schools,	112.9
Average number belonging in each school,	13.6
Average number attending schools,	110.7
Average number attending each school,	12.3
Per cent. of attendance,	90.4
Number of pupils between five and fifteen, according to register,	137
Number of pupils in high school from various towns,	54

The state law says :

CHILDREN BETWEEN EIGHT AND FOURTEEN YEARS MUST ATTEND SCHOOL.

SECTION 1. [As amended by Chap. 464, Acts of 1889, and Chap. 384 of 1890.] Every person having under his control a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years shall annually cause such child to attend some public day school in the city or town in which he resides, and such attendance shall continue for at least thirty weeks of the school year if the schools are kept open that length of time, with an allowance of two weeks' time for absences not excused by the superintendent of schools or the school committee, and for every neglect of such duty the person offending shall, upon the complaint of a school committee or any truant officer, forfeit to the use of the public schools of such city or town a sum not exceeding twenty dollars; but if such child has attended for a like period of time a private day school approved by the school committee of such city or town, or if such child has been otherwise instructed for a like period of time in the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or has already acquired the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or if his physical or mental condition is such as to render such attendance inexpedient or impracticable, such penalty shall not be incurred.

The town schools are in session for thirty-two weeks at a great expense to the town. The statistics given below will show whether the pupils are getting twenty-eight weeks, to say nothing of the thirty-two.

	No. belonging.	No. who have not attended school 28 weeks.
Center Grammar,	23.2	3
Center Primary,	21	5
Tower Hill,	13	1
East Brimfield,	31	8
Northeast,	12	9
Dunhamtown,	14	11
West Brimfield	19	5
West Brick,	18	6

Is this economical and business like? Is it an economical plan to spend six and one-half dollars per week for the education of two or three pupils? It is certainly very expensive tuition. One teacher in her report states the excuses of the absentees and they were not usually for sickness but "to help, to pick up chestnuts, walnuts, apples, and on account of the rain."

Wouldn't it be better to have the schools open twenty-four weeks and regular attendance than thirty-two weeks and pupils attending when there is nothing else to do? What kind of citizens will those pupils make who are allowed to be shiftless regarding their attendance in the public schools?

At the beginning of the school year in September there were new teachers in six of the eight schools and the majority of these inexperienced. These last had to face several problems. They were obliged to control pupils of all ages, to interest these different ones in their studies, and to plan enough real work that the pupils would not develop habits of laziness. For the most part the young people entered into their work earnestly; by attending teachers' meeting conventions and by visiting schools they begun at once to master difficulties which must be conquered if one's work is to be a success.

All the teachers too have been of great assistance to the librarian in transporting books from the library to the homes and returning them. They have as well guided the young people in their choice, influencing them to read books which would help them in their studies and in forming a good taste for literature.

What can be done to keep the Brimfield young people in Brimfield and help them in their studies as teachers? It would be very encouraging and helpful if they could have access to many educational papers and books. Their salaries are not so munificent that they can afford to subscribe for many ; if they could have access to books on methods and principles of teaching, for we haven't a normal trained teacher in town ; if we could have a pedagogical library or if the directors of the library would purchase books on these subjects, their generosity would be appreciated. It is my impression that the only book which relates to school work in the library is Spencer's Education and only teachers of experience appreciate that.

The teachers' meetings have been held as often as possible when we consider the distance the majority of the teachers live from the centre. These have occasionally been conducted by different educators. In May, Mr. James Hall, now assistant supervisor of drawing in the State assisted us.

January 10, Mr. A. W. Edson, agent of the board of education, and Mr. C. A. Brodeur, superintendent of Warren and Wales schools, held a meeting in the afternoon. On this occasion there was a delegation from Wales and Holland present. As the afternoon was profitably spent, it has been suggested that the three towns unite one or more times during the year for a meeting. Brimfield seems to be a centre for these occasions, thus furnishing the teachers fresh vigor by giving them an opportunity to hear the prominent educators and to meet their neighbors who are engaged in working out the problem of district school life.

Vertical writing is a subject which is receiving consideration in most cities and towns. The interested ones are not only teachers and superintendents but business men as well. When the method was first tried many called it a "fad" but the "fad" has not vanished ; it has developed into a system until at the present time the leading cities and towns of the country have adopted it.

Satisfactory results have been obtained by the slanting system ; the penmanship from our lowest grades to the highest is legible, in many cases is excellent. While we would not be the first by whom the new is tried, neither would we be the last to cast off

the old. If there is any better system than the one in use you want it for your pupils.

The advantages of the new system are as follows :

First. The position, which is natural, requiring the pupil to sit facing the desk with the paper parallel to the front edge of the desk. There is an equal strain on the eyes, the spine is kept erect. The enthusiastic advocates claim that with the slanting system the unequal strain causes myopia, the position curvature of the spine. This statement is made again and again. Just where writers get authority for their statistics is not often stated. An investigation into the condition of the town pupils would be interesting, for at the present time, myopia and curvature of the spine are not noticeable.

Second. When pupils begin their school life and struggle with penmanship we find that the tendency is to use vertical lines ; it is unnatural for them to slant their letters ; since they use the vertical system without any instruction, why not encourage them ?

Third. The similarity between vertical writing and the printed pages removes difficulties for the beginner ; he advances more rapidly in his reading.

Fourth. Since vertical writing is plain, the spelling lessons and reproduction exercises can be corrected in less time.

Fifth. It is said that a greater proportion of pupils can be taught to write well.

Sixth. This is the system required in the civil service examinations, telegraph offices and many other places of business. Statements made by superintendents is authority for the above. Mr. H. T. Bailey, agent of the board of education, states very emphatically that pupils who use the slanting system are never able to draw a vertical line. The only serious objection to the plan is that one cannot write so rapidly as with the slanting method. You may think it advisable in September to allow the primary grades to use the vertical system. Later it can be decided whether to continue this in the upper grades or change to the slant for the sake of rapidity.

Most cities and towns are admitting to the high schools without examination those pupils who are recommended by the committee. The reasons for this decision are that when examinations are in view there is a decided tendency with the students to cram for that ordeal rather than to search for truths and to acquire habits of study ; they endure a nervous strain also, which is often injurious in its results. If consulted on this subject the trustees of the high school may suggest or consent to some plan by which those pupils who have a good record in lessons or deportment may be admitted to the high school on recommendation of the committee. The doubtful cases could be settled by examinations. The plan is to give written tests frequently, to keep a simple record of daily lessons and by averaging these to decide on the pupil's ability to grasp high school work. Is it possible to work out this plan in Brimfield? The Monson committee voted to adopt this method a few months ago and the advantages are already so evident that we venture to mention the matter in this report. The pupils are doing more earnest, faithful study than ever before ; they understand daily application is more important than cramming for a final examination at the end of the spring term.

In closing I would remind you that the same loyalty and helpfulness which you have exhibited in the previous years has been realized and appreciated the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARA A. WOOD.

TEACHERS, TERMS AND ATTENDANCE.

SPRING TERM.

1. Center Grammar, Mr. J. Wilson Brown.
Center Primary, Miss Cora E. Morse.
2. East Brimfield, Miss S. F. Macallister.
3. West Brick, Miss Ida Agard.
5. Tower Hill, Miss Ida Brown.
6. Northeast, Miss Minnie Corbin.
7. Dunhamtown, Miss Olive Goodwin.
West Brimfield, Miss Grace Hurlburt.

FALL TERM.

1. Center Grammar, Miss Ida Agard.
Center Primary, Miss Cora E. Morse.
E. Brimfield, Miss Lucy M. Booth.
West Brick, Miss Margaret Locke.
Tower Hill, Miss E. Stella Allen.
Northeast, Miss Minnie Corbin.
Dunhamtown, Mr. Robert Merriam.
West Brimfield, Miss Nellie Haley.

WINTER TERM.

	No. en- rolled.	Average Member- ship.	Average Atten- dance.	Per cent.	Tardi- nesses.
C. Grammer, Miss Ida Agard.	26	23.2	22.1	95.2	152
C. Primary, Miss C. E. Morse	32	21.1	19.6	92.9	31
East Brimfield, Mrs. S.M. Davenport,	31	21.5	18.1	84.2	77
West Brick, Miss Margaret Locke,	18	11.9	10.7	89.9	10
Tower Hill, Miss E. Stella Allen,	16	13.6	12.4	91.2	51
Northeast, Miss Minnie Corbin,	12	8.6	7.9	91.8	49
Dunhamtown, Mr. Robert Merriam,	14	11.7	9.6	82.6	136
West Brimfield, Miss Nellie Haley,	19	11.3	10.3	91.1	35
Total,	168	112.9	110.7	90.4	541
		13.6	22.3		

Assessors' Report, 1895.

NUMBER OF RESIDENTS ASSESSED ON PROPERTY.

Individuals,	221
All others,	21
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Total,	242

NUMBER NON-RESIDENTS ASSESSED ON PROPERTY.

Individuals,	81
All others,	10
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Total,	91

Number of persons assessed on property,	333
Number of persons on poll tax only,	95
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	428

Number of polls assessed,	271
Tax on polls \$2.00.	

Value of assessed personal estate,		\$54176
Value of buildings excluding land,	\$157067	
Value of land excluding buildings,	191031	348098
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		\$402274
Exempt,		2000
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		\$400274

Tax on polls,	542 00
Tax on personal,	913 46
Tax on real,	5801 27
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Total tax,	\$7256 73

Rate per \$1000, \$16.75.

Number of horses assessed,	288
“ “ Cows “	811
“ “ Sheep, “	162
“ “ Neat cattle other than cows,	293
“ “ Swine,	116
“ “ Dwelling houses,	220
“ “ Acres of land,	20812 11-12

APPROPRIATIONS, 1895.

For highways,	\$1400 00
Bridges,	100 00
Snow paths,	150 00
Schools,	1450 00
Salary of school superintendent,	225 00
Services of school committee,	50 00
Conveyance of pupils,	100 00
Text books and supplies,	125 00
Schoolhouse repairs,	150 00
Support of paupers,	1200 00
Officers' salaries,	450 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	800 00
State aid,	50 00
Memorial day,	50 00
Interest on town debt,	100 00
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	\$6400 00
State tax,	255 00
County tax,	479 00
Overlayings,	122 73
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Total amount raised by taxation,	\$7256 73

WILLIAM A. JANES,	} Assessors of Brimfield.
SANFORD BOOTH,	
GEO. H. STREETER,	

Valuation and Tax, 1895.

Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
1	HENRY ADAMS.	1 horse \$40, 2 cows 50, total \$90. Buildings 500, farm 26 acres 325, total \$825.	\$17 41
1	SAMUEL H. ADAMS.	3 horses 150, 21 cows 480, 3 2-year-olds 45, 3 1-year-olds 30, total \$705. Buildings 1000, farm 137 acres 1650, total, \$2650,	58 28
1	CHARLES F. ADAMS.	1 cow 30, total \$30. Build- ings 225, 1 lot 50, total \$275.	7 19
1	GEO. S. ALLEN.	1 horse 25, 3 cows 70, total, \$95. Buildings 350, farm 52 acres 350, Bates lot 6 acres 50, total \$750.	16 23
1	ELIJAH ALLEN.	Buildings 700, 1 lot 50, total \$750.	14 56
1	AUSTIN ANDREWS.	1 horse 50, 1 cow 25, total \$75. Buildings 700, farm 18 a. 400, Spunnel lot 9 a. 100, total \$1200.	23 44
1	GEO. A. ADAMS.	2 horses 125, 2 oxen 70, 2 cows 40, 4 1-year-olds 32, total \$267. Buildings 1000, home farm 37 a. 250, Cheever farm 120 a. 1000, total \$2250.	44 21
2	LUCIUS AGARD & SON.	2 horses 100, 4 oxen 150, 7 cows 140, 3 2-year-olds 40, 1 1-year-old 8, total \$438. Buildings 800, farm 126 a. 1100, Sprout lot 10 a. 75, total \$1975.	44 54
-	EST. D. P. ALLEN.	Buildings 700, farm 78 a. 800, Shumway lot 9 a. 80, meadow lot 4 a. 50, Hardscrable lot 17 a. 75, total \$1705.	28 64
1	EDWARD B. ALLEN.		2 00
1	GEO. H. ADAMS.	1 bicycle 30.	2 50
1	ELMER W. AGARD.	Allen lot 9 a. 100.	3 67
1	CHARLES S. ALLEN.		2 00
1	EGBERT D. ALLEN.	1 horse 25, 2 cows 35, total \$60. Buildings 200, Daniels farm 60 a. 300, total 500.	11 38

Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
1	WILLIAM N. ALLEN.		2 00
1	ASA P. ADAMS.		2 00
1	EGBERT ALLEN.		2 00
1	GEO. E. ADAMS.		2 00
	EST. GEO BACON.	Buildings 1400, lot 14 a. 850, Hitchcock lot 54 a. 300, total, \$2550.	42 71
1	JOHN W. BROWNING.	Cash assets 1500, total \$1500. Buildings 800, lot 2 a. 150, orchard 1 a. 75, total \$1025.	44 38
1	IRA B. BROWN.	Buildings 500, lot 1 a. 75, sprout lot 5 a. 40, Hitchcock lot 2 a. 40, total \$655.	13 06
1	F. EDGAR BROWN.	1 horse 100, 1 cow 15, total 115. Buildings 2000, lot 3 a. 100, total \$2100.	39 18
	JAMES T. BROWN.	Buildings 1400, lot 2 a. 100, total \$1500.	25 13
1	ALBERT H. BUMP.		2 00
	MRS. SAMUEL BROWN.	1 cow 25, total \$25. Buildings 1400, farm 37 a. 700, sprout lot 12 a. 75, total \$2175.	37 02
1	WILLIAM C. BLASHFIELD.	2 cows 50, total \$50. Buildings 475, farm 19 a. 175, wood lot 4 a. 75, total \$725.	15 07
1	THOMAS C. BLASHFIELD.	1 horse 40, 4 cows 80, 2 2-year-olds 40, 1 swine 5, total \$165. Build- ings 600, farm 17 a. 175, wood lot 4 a. 75, Brown lot 3 a. 50, total \$900.	19 93
1	GEO. A. BLASHFIELD.		2 00
1	JAMES REED BROWN.	1 horse 20, 4 cows 80, 1 2-year-old 10, total \$110. Buildings 650, farm 66 a. 750, total \$1400.	27 29
1	EDWARD B. BROWN.	2 horses 150, 2 oxen 100, 20 cows 450, 1 swine 10, total \$710. Build- ings 800, farm 231 a. 2300, total \$3100.	65 81
1	EZRA G. BEMIS.	2 horses 100, 2 cows 40, total \$140. Buildings 1100, lot 5 a. 450, total \$1550.	30 31
1	CHARLES E. BACON.	1 horse 100, total \$100.	3 67

Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
	EST. HENRY F. BROWN.	Buildings 900, lot 100, total \$1000.	16 75
1	ASA P. BLODGETT.	2 oxen 125, 4 cows 85, 3 2-year-olds 30, 2 1-year-olds 18, total \$258. Buildings 200, farm 80 a. 600, total \$800.	19 76
1	HENRY BLODGETT.	2 horses 150, 2 oxen 100, 8 cows 180, 1 2-year-old 15, total \$445. Buildings 800, farm 180 a. 1300, total \$2100.	44 71
1	HERBERT J. BRADWAY.	1 horse 40, 1 cow 25, total \$65. Buildings 300, farm 14 a. 200, total \$500.	11 55
1	ELBERT L. BEMIS.	1 horse 25, 2 oxen 65, 17 cows 425, 4 2-year-olds 60, 4 swine 60, total 635. Buildings 1100, farm 183 a. 1800, total 2900.	61 30
1	MILO S. BOOTH.	2 horses 100, 6 cows 125, 5 2-year-olds 60, 2 1-year-olds 16, 14 sheep 42, 6 swine 33, total \$376. Buildings 450, farm 100 a. 1150, total \$1600.	35 17
1	SANFORD BOOTH.	2 horses 150, 2 oxen 100, 21 cows 400, 1 2-year-old 15, 6 swine 40, total \$705. Buildings 1100, farm 218 a. 2100, Russell lot 55 a. 50, total \$3250.	68 33
	EST. ORESTES BLASHFIELD.	Buildings 300, farm 72 a. 500, total, \$800.	13 40
	MRS. CAROLINE B. BROWN.	1 horse 35, 4 cows 80, total 115. Buildings 450, farm 13 a. 300, 750, exempt 500, total \$250.	6 20
1	EDWARD BLISS.	1 horse 40, 1 cow 25, total \$65. Buildings 1650, home lot 3 a. 300, Hitchcock lot 16 a. 350, Charles lot 65 a. 250, total \$2550.	45 88
1	WILLIAM BLOOMER.	1 horse 35, 2 oxen 75, 4 cows 80, 1 1-year-old 5, 2 sheep 8, total \$203. Buildings 150, farm 125 a. 350, total \$500.	13 73
1	JULIUS BACON.		2 00
1	OSCAR F. BROWN.	2 oxen 100, 5 cows 100, total \$200. Buildings 900, farm 136 a. 1100, Plain lot 8 a. 125, Tarbell 40 a. 350, total \$2475.	46 89

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1	LOUIS S. BROWN.		2 00
1	JAMES RICHARD BROWN.	2 horses 70, 8 cows 180, 4 2-year-olds 65, 2 1-year-olds 18, 26 sheep 72, 3 ⁵ / ₈ swine 25, total \$430. Buildings 600, farm 108 a. 1100, Mountain lot 114 a. 600, total \$2300.	47 73
	MISS MARETTA BROWN.	1 horse 50, 2 cows 50, total \$100. Buildings 450, farm 30 a. 300, sprout 10 a. 50, total \$800.	15 07
1	JOHN W. BROWN.	2 horses 100, 1 cow 23, 1 2-year-old 15, total \$138. Buildings 500, lot 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 75, Mountain lot 50 a. 250, Sherman lot 3 a. 30, total \$855.	18 76
1	ARTHUR B. BROWN.	4 horses 160, 15 cows 350, 1 2-year-old 15, 3 1-year-olds 30, 1 swine 10, 1 bicycle 40, total \$605. Buildings 1000, farm 128 a. 1400, Hubbard lot 25 a. 300, old maid lot 32 a. 175, Sherman lot 1 a. 10, total \$2885.	60 63
	MRS. MOSES BAKER.	3 horses 200, 9 cows 200, 1 1-year-old 8, 1 swine 6, total \$414.	6 87
1	CHARLES C. BROWN.		2 00
1	MOSES H. BAKER.		2 00
1	HERBERT E. BENSON.		2 00
1	PHILIP BURNS.	3 horses 225, 16 cows 375, 1 2-year-old 15, 4 1-year-olds 32, 2 swine 10, total \$657. Buildings 1100, farm 100 a. 1600, total \$2700.	58 29
	B. & A. R. R. Co.	Buildings 850, lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 50, total 900.	15 08
	MRS. CALVIN BAKER.	Building 100, land 74 a. 500, total \$600. Exempt 500, \$100.	1 67
1	MILO D. BOOTH.		2 00
1	DELVINNIE BAZNOR.		2 00
1	ALEXANDER BROUTHERS.	1 cow 18, total \$18.	2 34
1	JOHN L. BACON.	2 horses 50, 2 cows 40, 2 2-year-olds 30, 13 sheep 40, total \$160. Buildings 500, farm 137 a. 800, Sprout lot 25 a. 100, Bacon lot 25 a. 175, Fosket lot 25 a. 175, total \$1750.	33 99

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1	LEVI BENWAY.		2 00
1	HOMER S. BOOTH.		2 00
1	WALTER BIDDELL.	Buildings 400, lot 2 a. 100, total \$500.	10 38
1	J. WILSON BROWN.		2 00
1	JOHN CUNNINGHAM.	1 horse 25, 2 cows 40, 1 2- year-old 15, total \$80. Buildings 200, farm 110 a. 700, total \$900.	18 42
	MISS ANNA CUTLER.	Buildings 750, farm 12 a. 300, Mountain lot 52 a. 250, total \$1300.	21 78
1	GEO. F. CHAMBERLAIN.	3 horses 200, 2 carriages 100, total \$300. Buildings 2250, lot 4 a. 500, Hitchcock 2 a. 100, total \$2850.	54 77
1	ELMER W. CARDER.		2 00
1	HORATIO L. CONVERSE.	Stock in trade 2000, 1 horse 75, 2 bicycles 150, total \$2225. Build- ings 1250, lot $\frac{1}{4}$ a. 50, Dimmock lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 25, total \$1325.	61 63
1	FRANCIS E. COOK.	1 horse 35, total \$35. Lot 1 a. 25, Russell lot 10 a. 50, sprout 5 a. 25, Russell 2 a. 40, total \$140.	5 02
	MRS. LIZZIE CONVERSE.	Stocks and bonds 5000, 2 horses 140, 3 cows 70, 1 swine 7, 2 carriages 125, total \$5342. Buildings 3800, lot 13 a. 1000, total \$4800.	169 85
1	JOHN F. CONVERSE.	Buildings 2500, lot 1 a. 300, buildings 500, lot 2 a. 150, total \$3450.	59 79
1	MINER H. CORBIN.	2 horses 100, 10 cows 200, 3 1-year olds 25, 8 sheep 25, total \$350. Build- ings 650, farm 165 a. 1250, total \$1900.	39 69
1	CHARLES M. CORBIN.	1 horse 25, 2 cows 45, total \$70. Buildings 150, farm 22 a. 150, total \$300.	8 20
1	HERBERT M. CORBIN.	1 bicycle 40, total \$40.	2 67
1	SAMUEL COLLET.	3 horses 90, 4 cows 85, total \$175. Buildings 300, farm 100 a. 700, total \$1000.	21 77
1	BYRON CHARLES,		2 00

Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
	BYRON W. & E. L. CHARLES.	5 horses 300, 25 Cows 500, 7 2-year-olds 105, 12 1-year olds 120, 2 swine 20, total \$1045. Buildings 3500, Farm 333 a. 3000, Charles 80 a. 350, swamp 10 a. 50, Bemis 36 a. 100, total \$7000.	134 84
1	JOHN CONOGHAN.	1 horse 75, 8 cows 120, total \$195. Buildings 350, buildings 150, farm 57 a. 450, farm 700, total \$1650.	32 99
1	JOSEPH A. CHAMPEAUX.	2 horses 100, 8 cows 180, 3 2-year olds 45, 4 1-year olds 35, 5 swine 30, total \$390. Buildings 600, farm 140 a. 1500, total \$2100.	43 70
1	NELSON CLAPPER.		2 00
1	FREDERICK A. CHARLES.		2 00
1	BERTIE E. CAMPBELL.	Stock in trade 175, horse 60, total \$235. Buildings 300, lot $\frac{3}{4}$ a. 100, total \$400.	12 72
	ROYAL CLEVELY.	Buildings 200, farm 21 a. 100, total \$300.	5 03
1	JOHN L. CHAFFEE.	1 horse 75, 2 oxen 70, 5 cows 110, total \$255. Buildings 600, farm 85 a. 340, Mowing 5 a. 50, total \$990.	22 94
1	MARK CROSSMAN.		2 00
1	JAMES DUNHAM.		2 00
	MISS REBECCA DUNHAM.	Buildings 275, lot 2 a. 175, pasture 16 a. 100, orchard $1\frac{1}{2}$ a. 75, total \$625.	10 55
	EST. MARY DUNHAM.	Buildings 350, lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 50, total \$400.	6 70
1	WILLIAM L. DANIELS.	3 cows 70, 1 2-year-old 15, total \$85. Buildings 500, lot $1\frac{1}{2}$ a. 100, al 600.	13 56
2	CYPUIN DION.	3 horses 80, 2 cows 45, 1 1-year-old 7, total \$132. Buildings 300, farm 100 a. 900, total \$1200.	26 28
1	J. CALVIN DIX.	2 horses 90, 5 cows 125, 1 2-year-old 20, total \$235. Buildings 1050, farm 127 a. 1400, Gleason 12 a. 150, total \$2600.	49 57

Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
1	HARRISON S. DAMON.	1 horse 20, 5 cows 100, 1 1-year-old 12, 1 swine 9, total \$141. Buildings 375, farm 41 a. 225, Phelps lot 6 a. 40, total \$640.	15 07
1	WILLIAM C. DAVENPORT.	2 horses 140, total \$140.	4 35
1	EDWARD H. DAVENPORT.	3 horses 140, 3 cows 70, 1 2-year-old 20, 2 swine 14, total \$244. Buildings 300, farm 45 a. 325, Bensen 30 a. 225, total \$850.	20 26
1	EDWARD DION.		2 00
1	PETER DION.		2 00
1	ANDREW DUMAS.	1 cow 15, total \$15.	2 34
1	RAYMOND C. DEZIEL.		2 00
1	SILAS H. ELLERY.	2 horses 115, total \$115. Buildings 500, farm 11 1/2 a. 300, total \$800.	17 41
1	LEVI W. EMERSON.		2 00
1	DANIEL EAGAN.	4 horses 200, 15 cows 345, 2 2-year-olds 30, 2 1-year olds 20, total \$595. Buildings 600, farm 193 a. 1850, total \$2450.	53 09
1	JOHN A. ELLIOT.	Buildings 150, farm 160 a. 350, total \$500.	10 38
	EST. JONATHAN EMERSON.	Breakneck 16 a. 75, Draper 15 a. 275, total \$350.	5 86
	MRS. WILLIAM J. EASTER.	3 horses 120, 5 cows 125, 2 2-year-olds 40, 1 1-year-old 8, 1 swine 8, 2 carriages 75, total \$376. Buildings 1000, farm 6 a. 200, Webber 20 a. 100, Gates 29 a. 175, total \$1475.	31 16
1	WILLIAM J. EASTER,		2 00
1	GEO. W. EARL.	Bicycle 65, total \$65.	3 17
1	MERRILL ECCLESTON.		2 00
1	BENJ. B. FENTON.	2 oxen 100, 2 cows 45, 4 1-year-olds 40, total 185. Buildings 800, farm 90 a. 800, total \$1600.	31 98

Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
1	D. WINSLOW FOSKET.	Stock in trade 600, 6 horses 350, 6 cows 135, sheep 5, 5 swine 40, total \$1130. Buildings 3750, farm 55 a. 550, Wight 50 a. 550, Hitchcock 22 a. 300, Fosket lot 45 a. 300, Puffer lot 4 a. 50, total \$5500.	113 06
1	GEO. A. FURNESS.		2 00
1	GEO. FLEMMING.	1 horse 25, 4 cows 80, 2 swine 12, total \$117. Buildings 500, farm 134 a. 600, total \$1100.	22 43
1	JOHN E. FARRELL.	Horse 60, 2 cows 46, total \$106. Buildings 600, farm 130 a. 875, Crossman 4 a. 50, Aldrich 6 a. 25, total \$1550.	29 80
1	LOUIS G. FLEMMING.		2 00
1	NAPOLEON FAVERO.		2 00
1	THOMAS FITZGERALD.	3 cows 65, total \$65. Buildings 250, farm 69 a. 500, total \$750.	15 73
1	FRANK J. FENTON.	2 horses 60, total \$60.	3 00
1	JAMES FINNITY.		2 00
1	ALEX. FLETCHER.		2 00
1	FRED W. FOWLER.		2 00
	FOSKET & LOMBARD.	Sprout lot 38 a. 400, total \$400.	6 70
	LYMAN P. GREEN.	Buildings 200, farm 41 a. 200, total \$400.	6 70
1	JOHN P. GRIGGS.	1 horse 15, 3 cows 60, 1 2-year-old 15, 1 1-year-old 12, 18 sheep 36, bicycle 25, total \$163. Buildings 550, farm 100 a. 1100, total \$1650.	32 32
1	CLIFTON L. GOULD.	Sprout lot 7 a. 30, total \$30.	2 50
	MRS. C. L. GOULD.	1 horse 75, total \$75.	1 34
	MRS. ANGENETTE L. GOULD.	Buildings 500, mountain lot 37 a. 250, farm 40 a. 350, total \$1100.	18 42
1	WILLIAM A. GILBERT.	1 horse 75, 3 cows 60, 2 2-year-olds 35, total \$170. Buildings 150, farm 36 a. 350, total \$500.	13 23

Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
1	HORACE M. GARDNER.		2 00
	CELESTIA M. GOODALE.	1 horse 100, 1 cow 20, total \$120. Buildings 250, farm 22 a. 300, 550, exempt 500, total \$50.	2 85
	MRS. OLIVE M. GROVES.	1 horse 25, 2 cows 45, total 70. Buildings 400, farm 70 a. 350, Hunter 22 a. 75, Roper lot 3 a. 30, 855, exempt 500, total \$355.	7 20
1	WILLIAM H. H. GREEN.	3 horses 110, 6 cows 100, 1 2-year-old 12, 4 1-year-olds 32, 1 swine 7, total \$261. Buildings 500, farm 75 a. 450, Session lot 12 a. 100, Tarbell lot a. 50, 350, total \$1400.	29 81
1	WILLIAM E. GILBERT.	1 horse 25, total \$25.	2 50
1	SILAS C. GRIFFIN.		2 00
1	JOSEPH GATES.	1 horse 50, total \$50.	2 84
1	FRANK GEARY.		2 00
1	EARNEST D. GILBERT.		2 00
1	HARRY C. GROVES.		2 00
1	JOSEPH GREGORY.	1 horse 20, 1 cow 20, total \$40.	2 67
1	STANILOUS GIROURD.		2 00
1	THOM. A. HARWOOD.	3 horses 100, total \$100. Buildings 200, farm 162 a. 400, Ballou 40 a. 200, Ferry 17 a. 50, Blanchard 11 a. 50, Farrington 38 a. 38, total \$938.	19 42
1	ORRIN HICKS.	3 horses 140, 2 cows 50, total \$190. Buildings 600, farm 18 a. 400, sprout 12 a. 60, total \$1060.	22 93
1	GEO. M. HITCHCOCK.	2 horses 125, 6 cows 115, 1 2-year-old 15, 1 swine 12, total \$267. Buildings 2000, farm 32 a. 750, factory $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 25, Russell lot 12 a. 175, total \$2950.	55 93
2	EDWARD W. HITCHCOCK.	Stock in trade 300, 3 horses 200, 1 cow 15, 3 swine 18, 1 carriage 40, 1 bicycle 30, total \$603. Buildings 2500, buildings 500, lot 2 a. 200, farm 30 a. 475, wood lot 8 a. 75, total \$3750.	76 86

Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
	EST. WALTER HAYNES.	Buildings 400, farm 24 a. 300, total \$700.	11 73
1	FRANK G. HITCHCOCK.	1 horse 50, total \$50. Lot $\frac{1}{4}$ a. 50, total \$50.	3 68
1	DANIEL HAYNES.	Buildings 125, lot 1 a. 75 Wood lot 4 a. 50, total \$250.	6 19
1	JAMES H. HUGHES.		2 00
1	WILLIAM E. HOLLAND.		2 00
1	JOHN HALEY.	3 horses 150, 2 oxen 60, 23 cows 500, 3 2-year-olds 30, 1 sheep 3, 1 swine 10, total \$753. Buildings 750, farm 263 a. 2450, total \$3200.	68 16
1	GEO. F. HOLDRIDGE.	1 horse 75, 2 cows 40, 1 2-year-old 15, total \$130. Buildings 250, farm 123 a. 800, Green 3 a. 75, total \$1125.	23 11
1	NEWTON S. HUBBARD.	1 horse 100, 2 oxen 100, 14 cows 325, 1 2-year-old 20, total \$545. Buildings 1350, farm 95 a. 1500, Hill 17 a. 250, total \$3100.	63 13
1	JOHN HIMES.	Horse 20, total \$20.	2 34
	MRS. JOHN HIMES.	Buildings 200, lot $2\frac{1}{4}$ a. 75, total \$275.	4 69
1	HORACE S. HOWES.	Bicycle 35, total \$35.	2 67
1	DENNIS J. HANNON.	1 horse 100, total \$100, Buildings 67, farm 70 a. 133, total \$200.	7 02
1	HERBERT F. HEALEY.	1 horse 50, 2 oxen 95, 6 cows 120, 3 1-year-olds 30, 6 sheep 24, total \$319. Buildings 400, farm 98 a. 700, total \$1100.	25 78
1	HARVEY D. HALL.	1 horse 40, 2 oxen 90, 4 cows 80, 1 swine 7, total \$217. Buildings 250, farm 130 a. 1900, total \$2150.	41 70
1	MARCUS HITCHCOCK.		2 00
1	WILLIAM P. HOLDEN.	Stock in trade 1800, total \$1800.	32 15
	FRANK H. HILL.	1 2-year-old 12, 3 1-year-olds 25, total \$37. Buildings 200, farm 90 a. 800, total \$1000.	17 42

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1	JAMES F. HANNON.		2 00
1	FRANK HOLDRIDGE.	1 horse 50, total \$50.	2 84
	MRS. JULIA J. HUBBARD.	Buildings 1300, lot 1 a. 100, total \$1400.	23 45
1	LOUIS HARNESS.		2 00
1	LOUIS HAVEGARD.	Bicycle 25, total 25.	2 50
1	HARRY W. IRVING.		2 00
1	HORACE E. JANES.	2 horses 125, 5 cows 125, 2 2-year-olds 30, 1 1-year-old 10, 9 sheep 30, total \$320. Buildings 800, farm 60 a. 800 Wells lot 5 a. 75, Arnold 25 a. 125, total \$1800.	37 51
1	EDWIN A. JANES.	1 horse 75, 1 cow 15, total \$90. Buildings 750, farm 88 a. 1500, total \$2250.	41 20
1	WILLIAM A. JANES.		2 00
1	EMERY E. JENNINGS.		2 00
1	WILLIAM S. JANES.	1 horse 75, 2 oxen 125, 6 cows 150, total \$350. Buildings 1100, farm 55 a. 1200, home lot 1 a. 150, Russell lot 37 a. 170, Sherman lot 20 a. 100, Wood lot 17 a. 150, Parker lot 5 a. 35, total \$2905.	56 60
1	CHARLES H. JOHNSON.	1 horse 50, 3 cows 60, total \$110.	3 84
	MRS. HANNAH JOHNSON.	Buildings 400, farm 64 a. 600, Lombard lot 3 a. 50, Dimmock lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 25, total \$1075.	18 09
1	F. AUSTIN JENNISON.	1 horse 35, 2 cows 50, total \$85.	3 51
1	CHARLES JOHNSON.		2 00
1	ROBERT J. KYLE.	2 horses 100, 1 carriage 40, total \$140.	4 35
1	EMERY LIVERMORE.	1 horse 50, total \$50. Buildings 750, lot 4 a. 400, wood 8 a. 75, total \$1225.	23 44
1	HARRY A. LOMBARD.	3 horses 175, 3 cows 50, total \$225. Buildings 400, farm 100 a. 500, total \$900.	20 93
1	DWIGHT LOMBARD.		2 00

Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
1	JOHN F. LOMBARD.	2 horses 150, 1 cow 20, total \$170. Buildings 400, lot 2 a. 125, plain 15 a. 200, Keys lot 13 a. 250, Wells lot 10 a. 30, Charles lot 8 a. 25, total \$1030.	22 10
1	FRANCIS D. LINCOLN.	2 horses 150, 5 cows 110, 1 2-year old 15, 2 carriages 100, total \$375. Buildings 1500, farm 100 a. 1300, plain 8 a. 175, wood lot 32 a. 350, sprout lot 50 a. 575, total \$3900.	73 70
1	FRANCIS LOCK.	1 horse 25, 4 cows 80, total \$105. Buildings 450, farm 60 a. 300, Chamberlain 50 a. 100, total \$850.	18 08
1	JOHN H. LOMBARD.	Buildings 200, lot 2 a. 50, total \$250.	6 19
1	PHILIP A. LEACH.	1 bicycle 35, total \$35.	2 67
1	EDWARD LEE.	Land 4 a. 50, total \$50.	2 84
	MRS. SUSAN LENO.	2 horses 25, 4 cows 75, 4 1-year-olds 40, 2 swine 12, total \$152.	2 51
1	LEWIS LE ROSE.		2 00
	MRS. AMOS B. MERRILL.	5 horses 225, 13 cows 300, 4 1-year-olds 48, total \$573. Buildings 2300, farm 141 a. 1300, King 135 a. 1200, total \$4800.	89 95
1	AMOS B. MERRILL.		2 00
1	JOHN MCINTIRE.	1 horse 40, 2 oxen 60, 2 cows 200, 2 1-year-olds 15, 2 sheep 7, 4 swine 30, total \$352. Buildings 550, farm 150 a. 1300, total \$1850.	38 85
1	JOHN W. MORGAN.	1 horse 50, total \$50. Buildings 800, lot 1 a. 100, pasture 12 a. 200, total \$1100.	21 26
1	WILLIAM MARSELLO.	1 horse 100, total \$100.	3 67
1	PETER W. MOORE.	1 horse 75, 3 cows 60, total \$135. Buildings 350, farm 57 a. 425, total \$775.	17 42
1	JOHN A. MCKINSTRY.	Plain lot 40 a. 300, total \$300.	7 03

Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
1	ORRIN Q. MOORE.	2 horses 150, 11 cows 220, 1 2-year-old 15, 1 swine 10, total \$395. Buildings 500, farm 198 a. 1500, total \$2000.	42 20
	MARSELA MANTA.	Buildings 300, Sweet farm 75 a. 225, total \$525.	8 88
1	AUSTIN N. MOULTON.	Horse 25, total \$25.	2 50
1	ALBION C. T. MESSERVE.	Horse 60, 4 oxen 100, 4 cows 70, 2 2-year-olds 30, 2 swine 10, total \$270. Buildings 400, farm 175 a. 1300, Lombard lot 12 a. 125, total 1825.	37 17
1	AMOS MUNROE.	2 horses 175, 7 cows 175, total 350. Buildings 1500, farm 7 a. 500, Wheeler lot 7 a. 200, total \$2200.	44 71
	AMOS MUNROE AND OTHERS.	Hotel 1 a. 200, total 200.	3 35
1	FRANK D. MOORE.	Horse 25, total \$25. Buildings 375, lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 75, plain lot $1\frac{1}{2}$ a. 50, total \$500.	10 88
	EST. ELISHA C. MARSH.	Buildings 1050, farm 154 a. 1400, total \$2450.	41 04
1	EDWARD H. MORGAN.	1 bicycle 35, total \$35.	2 67
1	THOS. J. MORGAN.	3 horses 100, 8 cows 200, 1 2-year-old 15, total \$315. Buildings 1300, farm 100 a. 900, total \$2200.	44 21
2	HUGH MCINTIRE.	1 horse 30, 2 oxen 35, 7 cows 125, 1 1-year-old 8, 1 sheep 5, 1 swine 7, total \$210. Buildings 550, farm 68 a. 550, total \$1100.	25 94
1	ORRIN T. MCCRELLIS.	2 horses 50, 6 cows 160, 1 2-year-old 18, 4 1-year-olds 40, total \$268.	6 52
1	JOHN A. MARSELLO.	1 horse 100, 1 cow 25, 1 1-year-old 8, 1 swine 10, total \$143. Buildings 900, farm $6\frac{1}{2}$ a. 200, Bond lot 8 a. 100, total \$1200.	24 45
2	SAMUEL A. MCALLISTER.	4 horses 150, 1 cow 22, 2 sheep 8, 1 bicycle 35, total \$215. Buildings 400, farm 19 a. 300, total \$700.	19 42

Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
1	NEEDHAM MOULTON.	Horse 25, total \$25.	
		Building 400, lot $1\frac{3}{4}$ a. 100, total \$500.	10 88
	MRS. LILLIAN P. MERRIAM.	Cow 25, total \$25.	
		Buildings 250, Hitchcock farm 78 a. 300, total \$550.	9 71
1	FRED MINER.		2 00
	MRS. LUCY MINER.	1 horse 15, 1 cow 20, total \$35. Buildings 200, Acket farm 50 a. 200, total \$400.	7 37
1	CHARLES A. MOORE.		2 00
2	G. B. & J. NOYES.	2 horses 75, 2 oxen 90, 5 cows 90, 2 swine 10, total \$265. Buildings 600, farm 160 a. 1450, total \$2050.	42 86
1	CHEENEY NEWTON.	Sprout lot 8 a. 50, home lot 2 a. 75, total \$125.	4 18
1	EDGAR P. NEEDHAM.		2 00
1	JOHN S. NEEDHAM.	2 horses 30, 3 cows 60, 2 1-year-olds 20, total \$110. Buildings 700, farm 76 a. 800, pasture 8 a. 100, total \$1600.	30 64
1	HERBERT NEEDHAM.		2 00
1	LYMAN E. NEEDHAM.		2 00
	MRS. FRANK R. NEWTON.	2 horses 150, total \$150. Building 500, farm 100 a. 800, Herring 39 $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 550, total \$1850.	33 50
	JAMES NOYES.	Blanchard lot 3 a. 25, W. Wood lot 88 a. 1300, E. Wood lot 17 a. 340, Bummit lot 9 a. 50, Shaw lot 4 a. 20, Gardner lot 10 a. 75, Noyes lot 15 a. 150, Lombard lot 14 a. 400, total \$2360.	39 53
1	JAMES O'NEIL.		2 00
1	ALBERT W. PIERSON.	Stock in trade 300, horse 60, total \$360.	8 03
1	ALBERT C. PINNEY.	2 horses 125, 7 cows 140, 2 swine 20, total \$285. Buildings 800, farm 70 a. 550, total \$1350.	29 47
1	EDWARD W. POTTER.	Buildings 500, lot $\frac{3}{4}$ a. 100, total \$600.	12 05

Polls.	Names.	Description of Propetry.	Total Tax.
1	PORTER A. PARKER.	2 horses 150, 8 cows 200, 2 2-year-olds 30, 1 1-year-old 10, total \$390. Buildings 1700, farm 87 a. 1000, Cooley lot 18 a. 100, Wood lot 15 a. 150, Russell lot 25 a. 225, Morgan lot 40 a. 275, swamp 5 a. 50, total \$3500.	67 16
1	NORMAN S. POWERS.	2 horses 65, 2 oxen 100, 14 cows 322, 10 2-year-olds 120, 17 sheep 60, 7 swine 30, total \$697. Buildings 1200, farm 117 a. 1600, Shaw place 53 a. 375, Brown's hill 71 a. 700, total \$3875.	78 72
1	WILBUR G. PARKER.	2 horses 100, 3 cows 75, 1 2-year-old 15, 2 1-year-olds 16, 2 swine 18, total \$224. Buildings 600, farm 115 a. 900, total \$1500.	30 82
1	GEO. C. PLIMPTON.	1 horse 25, 5 cows 125, 1 1-year-old 10, 1 swine 10, total \$170. Buildings 700, farm 74 a. 800, total \$1500.	29 98
1	OLIVER J. PLIMPTON.	Sprout lot 12 a. 150, total \$150.	4 51
1	ORUS E. PARKER.	6 horses 285, 14 cows 280, 4 1-year-olds 40, 24 sheep 60, 5 swine 35, total \$700. Buildings 1200, farm 264 a. 2700, Wood lot 8 a. 50, sprout 12 a. 150, Hill 10 a. 150, total \$4100.	82 40
1	FRANK N. POND.		2 00
	SILAS PARKER.	Buildings 500, lot 2 a. 175, total \$675.	11 39
1	WEBSTER K. PIERCE.	Bicycle 40, total \$40.	.2 67
1	FRED T. PARKER.	1 horse 40, 1 cow 25, total \$65. Buildings 1500, lot $\frac{1}{3}$ a. 50, total \$1550.	29 13
	EST. LUCY PYNCHION.	Buildings 750, lot 2 a. 150, total \$900.	15 08
	MRS. A. PIERSON.	Buildings 850, lot $\frac{3}{4}$ a. 125, total \$975.	16 42
1	GEO. A. PFERSICK.		2 00

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1	PETER PREW.	1 cow 25, 1 1-year-old 10, total \$35.	2 67
1	PETER N. PREW.	1 horse 25, total \$25.	2 50
1	PORTER A. PLIMPTON.	4 horses 200, 16 cows 368, 1 1-year-old 8, total \$576. Buildings 800, farm 150 a. 1800, pasture 30 a. 200, wood lot 8 a. 100, total \$2900.	60 30
1	ALBERT PLUFF.		2 00
1	JOSEPH D. PECOT.		2 00
1	ALBERT RICE,		2 00
	MRS. ALBERT RICE.	1 horse 20, 2 cows 30, 1 2-year-old 12, 1 1-year old 8, 1 swine 6, total \$76, Buildings 200, farm 150 a. 200, total \$400.	8 04
1	JOHN F. ROYCE.	1 horse 20, 3 cows 60, 2 2-year-olds 25, 1 1-year-old 8, 2 swine 12, total \$125. Buildings 800, farm 166 a. 1250, total \$2050.	38 52
1	GEO. W. ROYCE.	1 cow 25, total \$25. Buildings 250, lot 3 a. 200, total \$450.	10 04
	MRS. GEO. W. ROYCE.	1 horse 50, 1 cow 25, total \$75. Parker lot 10 a. 250, total \$250.	5 53
1	ISAAC G. RANDALL.	1 horse 75, 9 cows 180, 3 2-year-olds 45, 1 1-year-old 8, total \$308. Buildings 450, farm 15 a. 375, Drury lot 6 a. 125, total \$950.	23 10
1	HIRAM RANSOM.		2 00
1	ALBERT REYNOLDS.		2 00
	MRS. HARRIET STREETER.	Buildings 400, lot 1 a. 100, total \$500.	8 38
1	GEO. M. STOWELL.		2 00
	MRS. KATE E. STOWELL.	1 horse 30, 2 cows 40, 1 2-year old 15, total \$85. Buildings 500, farm 15 a. 500, total \$1000.	18 26
1	CLIFFORD A. SWEET.	Lumber 450, 1 horse 50, total \$500.	10 38
1	WILBER SIDDELL.	Bicycle 35, total \$35.	2 67

Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
1	JOHN C. SPRING.	1 horse 40, 11 cows 242, 1 2-year-old 20, 2 sheep 6, 9 swine 75, total \$383. Buildings 800, farm 94 a. 1000, Upham lot 63 a. 630, Morgan lot 8 a. 80, wood lot 27 a. 270, Parker lot 40 a. 250, total \$3030.	59 12
1	JAMES M. SCHARBOROUGH, JR.		2 00
	GEO. M. SHAW.	Buildings 200, lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 50, total \$250.	4 19
1	OTTO SHAFFER.		2 00
1	JOHN ST. GEORGE.	3 horses 150, 6 cows 125, 6 2-year-olds 72, total \$347. Buildings 500, farm 155 a. 800, total \$1300,	29 64
1	MICHAEL SHANLEY.	1 horse 50, 2 oxen 80, 23 cows 525, 1 2-year-old 15, 2 swine 10, total \$680. Buildings 900, farm 176 a. 1800, total \$2700.	38 62
1	GEO. E. SIBLEY.	1 horse 25, total \$25.	2 50
1	JOSEPH ST. GEORGE.	2 horses 150, 6 cows 125, 2 1 year-olds 16, 2 sheep 8, total \$299. Buildings 900, farm 90 a. 1000, total \$1900.	38 86
1	ROBERT V. SAWIN.	4 horses 300, 1 carriage 50, total \$350. Buildings 1900, lot $2\frac{1}{2}$ a. 250, total \$2150.	43 87
1	JOSIAH STEBBINS.	2 horses 75, 7 cows 145, 4 2-year-olds 60, 3 1-year-olds 30, 3 swine 30, total \$340. Buildings 800, farm 190 a. 1700, total \$2500.	49 58
1	GEO. A. STETSON.	1 horse 40, total \$40. Buildings 400, farm 11 a. 350, Griggs 20 a. 100, total \$850.	16 91
1	CHESTER SCHARBOROUGH.	1 horse 50, total \$50. Buildings 300, lot 2 a. 100, total \$400.	9 54
1	GEO. W. SHERMAN.	4 horses 170, 21 cows 410, 1 2-year-old 15, 2 1-year-olds 16, 4 swine 20, total \$631. Buildings 800, farm 100 a. 1400, Hardscrable 30 a. 125, Nichols 44 a. 400, Curley 56 a. 600, Roper 8 a. 25, total \$3350.	68 66

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1	GEO. H. STREETER.	1 horse 50, 12 cows 265, 2 2-year-olds 30, 6 1-year-olds 50, 12 sheep 35, 3 swine 30, total \$460.	9 71
	EST. E. T. SHERMAN	5 horses 190, 12 cows 270, 2 2-year-olds 30, 1 1-year-old 9, 4 swine 30, 2 carriages 100, total \$629. Buildings 7000, buildings 800, farm 220 a. 2500, E. Hill 12 a. 160, Barrows place 4 a. 175, Swamp 9 a. 50, Storage 4 a. 20, Herring 11 a. 600, Wood lot 20 a. 100, total \$11305.	199 99
	EST. REBECCA SIBLEY.	Buildings 450, lot 14 a. 400, total \$850.	14 24
	FIRST CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY.	Buildings 1400, lot 1 a. 150, total \$1550.	25 96
	EST. MRS. C. E. STETSON.	Buildings 300, lot $\frac{1}{4}$ a. 25, total \$325.	5 53
	EST. P. F. SPAULDING.	Plain lot 10 a. 350, wood lot 18 a. 200, Russell lot 17 a. 200, total \$750.	12 56
1	GUSTAVE A. STANGER.		2 00
1	HUGH SPRATT.	1 Bicycle 35, total \$35.	2 67
1	JOHN P. SIDDELL.		2 00
1	DENNIS SMITH.		2 00
1	EVERETT SHERMAN.		2 00
1	DENNIS F. SMITH.		2 00
1	ANDREW STONE.	2 horses 100, 6 cows 135, 1 2- year-old 12, 2 1-year-olds 16, total \$263. Buildings 500, farm 115 a. 500, total \$1000.	23 11
	MRS. FANNIE W. SMITH.	2 horses 50, 4 cows 88, 1 2-year-old 18, total \$156. Buildings 300, farm 55 a. 200, total \$500.	11 06
1	JOSEPH L. STANTON.	2 horses 45, 2 cows 40, 1 2-year-old 15, total \$100. Buildings 500, farm 110 a. 500, total \$1000.	20 42
1	J. BERT STEBBINS.		2 00
1	ELIJAH STONE.		2 00
1	LEWIS J. STANTON.		2 00

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1	EVERETT SMITH.	Bicycle 35, total \$35.	2 67
1	WILLIS T. SPARHAWK.		2 00
1	MAT. SHERIDAN.		2 00
1	JAMES SCARBOROUGH.		2 00
1	WILLIAM SUNBURY.		2 00
	EST. E. E. TARBELL.	Buildings 650, farm 18 a. 200, Becket 30 a. 150, total \$1000.	16 75
1	ALBERT G. TARBELL.		2 00
1	FRANK TRAVERSE.		2 00
1	MICHAEL TRAVERSE.	1 horse 20, 2 oxen 75, 6 cows 132, 1 1-year-old 12, total \$239. Buildings 250, farm 121 a. 600, Gleason 6 a. 40, Upham 10 a. 50, total \$940.	21 77
1	ALBERT D. THOMAS.	2 horses 90, 10 cows 200, total \$290. Buildings 600, farm 266 a. 1300 total \$1900.	38 69
1	CHARLES S. TARBELL.	Buildings 50, Cassidy farm 125 a. 300, Tarbell 12 a. 700, total \$1050.	19 59
	MRS. MARY TARBELL.	Buildings 650, total 650.	10 89
1	GEO. W. THOMAS.		2 00
1	JAMES THOMPSON.		2 00
1	CHARLES BILLY THEBARGE.		2 00
	EST. LAWRENCE UPHAM.	Land 30 a. 150, total \$150.	2 51
1	PATRICK WHITE.	2 horses 100, 5 cows 100, total \$200. Buildings 700, farm 125 a. 800, total \$1500.	30 48
1	FRANCIS P. WHITE.		2 00
	EST. J. J. WARREN.	1 horse 50, total \$50. Buildings 1800, lot 13 a. 1300, Wheeler lot 71 a. 500, total \$3600.	61 14
	JOHN M. WARREN, trustee.	Building 800, lot 2 a. 200, total 1000.	16 75

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1	GEO. W. WHITEHOUSE.	Buildings 1400, lot 1 a. 200, Morse 3 a. 200, total \$1800.	32 15
1	SIMON B. WARD.	1 horse 25, total \$25. Building 1100, lot 3 a. 200, total \$1300.	24 28
1	CHARLES W. WHITTING.		2 00
	MRS. OSCAR D. WELLS.	3 horses 150, 24 cows 580, 2 2-year-olds 30, 1 swine 10, total \$770.	12 90
1	OSCAR D. WELLS.	Buildings 1100, farm 165 a. 2200, total \$3300.	57 28
	MRS. EDWIN B. WEBBER.	2 horses 30, 7 cows 140, 6 swine 30, total \$200. Buildings 900, farm 240 a. 1500, total \$2400.	43 55
1	JOHN W. S. WETHERELL.	1 horse 50, 4 cows 90, 1 2-year-old 15, 1 1-year-old 10, bicycle 35, total \$200. Buildings 300, lot 5 a. 175. Dix lot 50 a. 625, total \$1100.	23 77
1	EMERSON WETHERELL.	Buildings 100, total \$100.	3 67
1	JONATHAN P. WEBBER.	1 horse 25, total \$25. Buildings 1300, lot 1 a. 175, total \$1475.	27 29
1	JOSEPH WEDGE.	Buildings 100, farm 40 a. 300, total \$400.	8 70
	ALBERT WOODARD.	Buildings 500, farm 70 a. 550, Allen lot 30 a. 150, total \$1200.	20 10
1	GEO. A. WEBSTER.	Buildings 500, lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 100, total \$600.	12 05
	EST. J. L. WOODS.	Buildings 300, farm 38 a. 400, wood lot 20 a. 200, total \$900.	15 08
	ELECTA WALKER.	Buildings 150, lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 25, total \$175.	3 02
1	LENARD L. WELLS.	1 horse 20, total \$20.	2 34
1	SALEM WELD.		2 00
1	FRANCIS A. WOOD.		2 00
1	WILLIAM S. WATSON.	1 cow 20, 1 1-year-old 8, total \$28.	2 50
1	EDWARD C. WOOD.	3 horses 30, 8 cows 175, total \$205. Buildings 550, farm 150 a. 900, total \$1450.	29 81
1	LEWIS E. WELLS,	5 1-year-olds 60, total \$60.	3 00
1	HENRY YOUNG.	1 horse 20, total \$20.	2 34

NON-RESIDENTS.

Names.	Description of Property.	Total Tax.
Mrs. Jennie Parks, Monson.	1 horse 25, 2 oxen 80, 4 cows 80, total \$185. Buildings 600, farm lot 160 a. 1600, total \$2200.	40 03
Moulton & Bliss, Monson.	Nichols lot 30 a. 150, total \$150.	2 51
E. A. Aldrich, Monson.	Sprout lot 7 a. 50, total \$50.	84
William Sutcliff, Monson.	Marsh lot 28 a. 450, land 103 a. 600, total \$1050.	17 59
Charles Carpenter, Monson.	Charles lot 28 a. 450, total \$450.	7 54
William Fenton, Monson.	Land 10 a. 175, total \$175.	3 02
E. Miller, Monson.	Land 10 a. 100, total \$100.	1 67
Albert L. Caswell, Springfield.	Buildings 400, Parks place 50 a. 350, total \$750.	12 56
Royal E. Blair, Springfield.	Wood lot 23 a. 250, total \$250.	4 19
Charles D. Rood, Springfield.	Graves lot 9 a. 45, Lombard lot 17 a. 85, Converse lot 60 a. 300, Blanchard lot 100 a. 500, buildings 150, Cross- man property 19 a. 300, total \$1380.	23 12
William Henry Shaw, Springfield.	Washington lot 5 a. 30, Charles lot 17 a. 50, Hunter 9 a. 75, Shaw lot 6 a. 30, Elliot lot 14 a. 25, total \$210.	3 52
A. W. Allen, Springfield.	Building 200, Elijah Fosket farm 18 a. 200, total \$400.	6 70
Norman W. Millard, Springfield.	1 horse 30, 2 cows 40, 1 1-year old 8, total \$78. Buildings 300, Hines place 115 a. 700, total \$1000.	18 09
Geo. Stone, Palmer.	Fenton lot 10 a. 100, total \$100.	1 67

Names.	Description of Property.	Tax.
Gardner & Marcy, Palmer.	1 horse 50, 6 oxen 300, total \$350. Buildings 1000, brick yard 2 a. 3000, Powers lot 54 a. 300, total \$4300.	77 89
Jason Palmer, Palmer.	Buildings 600, Weeks place 69 a. 400, total \$1000.	16 75
Charles F. Smith, Palmer.	Fenton pasture 110 a. 600, total \$600.	10 05
Geo. Robinson, Palmer.	Pasture 40 a. 500, total 500.	8 38
Est. Frank Morgan.	Wood lot 14 a. 50, total \$50.	84
Calvin Johnson, Palmer.	Wood lot 14 a. 100, total \$100.	1 67
Emulous Harvey, Palmer.	Buildings 200, E. Ferry place 130 a. 850, Negro lot 8 a. 40, total \$1090.	18 26
Frank F. Marcy, Palmer.	Buildings 700, Powers place 25 a. 500, Wear lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 25, Gould lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 25, Frost lot 118 a. 1000, Blodgett lot 75 a. 525, Thayer lot 6 a. 300, total \$3075.	51 59
J. F. Austin, Palmer.	King lot 10 a. 200, total 200.	3 35
Joseph M. Allen, Palmer.	Buildings 150, farm 120 a. 600, Barry lot 31 a. 150, Ferry lot 10 a. 50, Fosket lot 75 a. 200, Ferry lot 15 a. 200, Ferry lot 25 a. 125, Ferry lot 19 a. 200, Janes lot 7 a. 35, total \$1710.	28 64
Amos Bliss, Warren.	Land 20 a. 350, total \$350.	5 86
Charles Gleason, Warren.	Pasture 35 a. 500, total \$500.	8 38
Est. John Tyler, Warren.	Wood lot 17 a. 700, plain lot 16 a. 225, total \$925.	15 58
Charles Blair, guardian, Warren.	Horse 40, total \$40.	67
S. N. Gleason, Warren.	Land 15 a. 100, total \$100.	1 67
P. P. Allen, Warren.	Lot 1 a. 25, total \$25.	50
A. W. Lincoln, Warren.	Bruce property 28 a. 200, total \$200.	3 35

Names.	Description of Property.	Tax
Mrs. J. C. Freeman, Warren.	Sprout lot 20 a. 100, mountain lot 125 a. 375, total \$475.	8 04
J. W. Lawrence, Warren.	50 cords wood, cut, 75, 20 cows 460, 5 2 year-olds 75, total \$610. Buildings 600, land 138 a. 1700, total \$2300.	48 75
Mrs. T. Brosnahan, Warren.	W. side road Blair lot 168 a. 1000, total \$1000.	16 75
Thom. Connelly, Warren.	E. side road Blair lot 50 a. 400, total \$400.	6 72
Henry B. Bosworth, Warren.	Nutting lot 30 a. 350, total \$350.	5 86
William A. Benson, Warren.	Buildings 100, Shar- key place 100 a. 500, total \$600.	10 05
William H. Kelley, Warren.	Buildings 50, Kibbee place 3 a. 100, total \$150.	2 51
Charley E. Lombard, Southbridge.	Bummit lot 12 a. 250, total \$250.	4 19
Hamilton Woolen Co., Southbridge.	Flowage lot 200, total 200.	\$3 35
Walter and Charles George, Southbridge.	5 horses 200, total \$200.	3 35
Fiskdale Mills, Sturbridge.	Underwood farm 106 a. 800, Streeter lot 13 a. 130, total \$930.	15 58
Joseph Highland, Sturbridge.	Land 9 a. 125, total \$125.	2 18
John W. Draper, Sturbridge.	Sprout lot 30 a. 200, Ives lot 50 a. 150, Cunningham lot 65 a. 350, total \$700.	11 73
Snell Mnfg. Co., Sturbridge.	Stock in trade 2500, total \$2500. Buildings 7000, land 12 a. 600, total \$7600.	169 18
S. F. Adams, Sturbridge.	Sprout lot 75 a. 500, swamp lot 37 a. 175, sprout lot 75 a. 500, total \$1175.	19 77

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Joseph Turner, Sturbridge.	Emerson place 100 a. 500, total \$500. .	8 38
Emery L. Bates, Sturbridge.	Tyler lot 70 a. 450, total \$450.	7 54
Patrick King, Sturbridge.	Land 12 a. 150, total \$150.	2 51
Michael Fox, Sturbridge.	Wood lot 8 a. 75, total \$75.	1 34
Isiah Hiscock, Wales.	Buildings 200, Lombard farm 165 a. 1300, total \$1500.	25 13
Charles F. Crawford, Wales.	6 horses 200, 7 cows 140, 1 2-year-old 15, total \$355. Buildings 250, farm 53 a. 500, total \$750.	18 59
Gardner B. Shaw, Wales.	Mountain lot 5 a. 40, Elliot lot 8 a. 50, total \$90.	1 51
John C. Burley, Wales.	Buildings 200, Shaw place 18 a. 300, total \$500.	8 38
Est. Eli Gardner, Wales.	Land 50 a. 350, total \$350.	5 86
Frank Gardner, Wales.	Pasture 34 a. 250, total \$250.	4 19.
Est. F. C. Smith, Wales.	Lombard lot 20 a. 175, land 1 a. 25, meadow lot 11 a. 175, total \$375.	6 37
Royal Nelson, Wales.	Buildings 100, farm 30 a. 450, total \$550.	9 21
Ernest L. Needham, Wales.	Emerson 30 a. 150, Allen lot 34 a. 200, total \$350.	5 86
Needham & Hubbard, Wales.	Dickey place 70 a. 350, total \$350.	5 86
William L. Webber, Holland.	Meadow lot 10 a. 80, total \$80.	1 34
Geo. L. Webber, Holland.	Meadow lot 10 a. 80, total \$80.	1 34
Est. William Lynn, Holland.	Swamp lot 6 a. 50. total \$50.	84
Mrs. John Glazier, Holland.	Swamp 12 a. 50, total \$50.	84

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William Wallis, Holland.	Land 10 a. 80, Robbins lot 15 a. 75, total \$155.	2 68
James A. Webber, Holland.	Meadow 12 a. 100. total \$100.	1 67
H. G. Switzer, Holland.	Pasture lot 14 a. 125, total \$125.	2 18
Est. F. E. Kenney, Holland.	Land 12 a. 50, total \$50.	84
Horace Wallis, Holland.	Land 59 a. 400, total \$400.	6 70
James F. Chamberlain, Stafford Springs, Conn.	Buildings 75, Sparrow place 9 a. 25, total \$100.	1 67
Mrs. Seraph Bliss, Lenard Bridge, Conn.	Charles Bemis pasture 23 a. 350, total \$350.	5 86
Dr. F. J. Wilson, Brooklyn, N. Y.	4 horses 200, 5 cows 90, 1 swine 12, 1 carriage 75, total \$377. Buildings 850, Buxton place 147 a. 1000, total \$1850.	37 36
Patrick Johnson, Woonsocket, R. I.	Wood lot 4 a. 100, total \$100.	1 67
Thos. McKenney, Brookfield.	Sprout 10 a. 125, total \$125.	2 18
Catherine Upham, Brookfield.	Land 30 a. 300, total \$300.	5 03
John Champeaux, Brookfield.	Buildings 100, Sheridan lot 60 a. 600, total \$700.	11 73
E. W. Wight, East Brookfield.	Emerson wood lot 22 a. 500, total \$500.	8 38
Francis H. Brown, Colchester, Conn.	Wood lot 190 a. 2000, total \$2000,	33 50
Henry Lewis, Philadelphia, Pa.	Winthrop lot 30 a. 300, total \$300.	5 03
Walter Low, Cleveland, O.	1 horse 50, total \$50.	84
L. C. Fenton, Norwich, Conn.	Buildings 300, farm 200 a. 1300, total \$1600.	26 80
Maria A. Leathers, Worcester.	Wood lot 10 a. 100, total \$100.	1 67

Names.	Description of Property.	Tax.
Edward F. Browning, Worcester.	Buildings 850, D. Janes place 56 a. 900, Bruce lot 7 a. 50, Shumway lot 16 a. 125, total \$1925.	32 33
Lewis Sherman, Worcester.	Plain lot 6 a. 100, total \$100.	1 67
H. K. Wight, Indian Orchard.	Farm 50 a. 450, total \$450.	7 54
John Cawkins, Holyoke.	Buildings 225, Alexander place 50 a. 300, total \$525.	8 88
Geo. H. & Frank H. Cook, Leominster.	Buildings 500 lot $\frac{1}{3}$ a. 75, total \$575.	9 72
Charles R. Strong, New Brunswick, N. J.	1 horse 75, 2 cows 50, 1 bicycle 25, total \$150. Buildings 350, Alva Thayer place 90 a. 600, total \$950.	18 42

EXEMPT.

Hitchcock free high school, cash,	\$85585 00	
Land,	12000 00	
Total,	—————	\$97585 00
First Congregational Society, house and land,	\$5000 00	
Advent Society, house and land,	500 00	
Town of Brimfield, 10 school houses and land,	7000 00	
Town Hall and land,	6000 00	
Library,	1800 00	
Cemetery,	1000 00	
Soldiers monument,	2000 00	
Common,	500 00	
Town farm,	3500 00	
Neat Stock,	300 00	
	—————	\$22,100 00

Thomas Braman, Soldier.
 Alonzo Allen, Soldier,
 Rebecca Bliss, unmarried female,
 Loami Blodgett, old age,
 Royal Cleverly, old age,
 Mrs. Mary Stewart, widow,
 Mrs. M. W. Pierce, widow,
 Miss Lizzie Goodell, unmarried female,
 Dexter Daniels, old age,
 Palmer Corbin, old age,
 Mrs. Mary Burr, widow,
 Mrs. John Gates, widow,
 Lyman P. Green, disability,
 Ellen Honnan, widow,
 Chandler Healey, old age,
 Mrs. C. O. Brown, widow,
 Celestia Goodell, unmarried female,
 Mrs. Olive M. Groves, widow,
 Mrs. Calvin Baker, widow,
 Horace Meritt, soldier,
 Silas Parker, old age.

Town Warrant.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

HAMPDEN, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Brimfield :

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Brimfield, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Brimfield, on Monday, the sixth day of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz.:

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting.

Art. 2d. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, also all committees and agents the business of the town may require. All officers required by law to be chosen by ballot must be on one ballot. The polls will be open at half-past ten o'clock A. M., and may be closed at half-past two o'clock P. M.

Art. 3d. To hear reports of officers and agents heretofore chosen by the town, and act thereon.

Art. 4th. To raise money for the support of schools, highways, bridges, payment of town debts, and to defray expenses for the ensuing year, and direct how the same shall be expended.

Art. 5th. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the selectmen.

Art. 6th. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the current year, also to borrow money to renew, replace, or pay any existing loan, or any part thereof.

Art. 7th. To see if the town will allow a discount on taxes if paid within certain periods, or act thereon.

Art. 8th. To see what disposition the town will make of its dog fund, or act thereon.

Art. 9th. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use the means for collecting the taxes which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

Art. 10th. To see if the town will cause to be printed the reports of its officers or agents, or any part of the same.

Art. 11th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any money for State aid.

Art. 12th. To see what sum of money (if any) the town will appropriate for Decoration Day.

Art. 13th. To bring in their vote, "Yes" or "No," upon the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Art. 14th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for flags for the several schoolhouses in town, or act thereon.

Art. 15th. To see if the town will purchase a new hearse, or act thereon.

Art. 16th. To see what action the town will take in regard to a tax assessed in the year 1893 to A. B. Lawrence of Fitchburg, Mass., and paid by Andrew Stone under protest.

Art. 17th. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chapter 347 of the acts of the year 1890 and any subsequent acts in connection therewith relative to the furnishing of books for the Public Library by the Commonwealth.

Art. 18th. To see what action the town will take in regard to raising the water in the Pond known as the Centre Mill Pond above a certain height.

Art. 19th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for markers to be placed at the graves of Revolutionary Soldiers and Sailors buried in this town.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, one at the Centre postoffice and by mailing a copy to the post office at East Brimfield, and by mailing or otherwise sending a copy to Fosket's Mills and the Depot at West Brimfield, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk of said Brimfield, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

MOSES H. BAKER,	} Selectmen
ARTHUR B. BROWN,	
CHARLES C. BROWN,	
	of
	Brimfield.

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1897.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1897.

TURNERS FALLS, MASS.

PRINTED BY CECIL T. BAGNALL, PROPRIETOR OF REPORTER,
1897.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1896 AND 1897.

CLERK AND TREASURER.

George M. Hitchcock.

SELECTMEN.

N. S. Hubbard, A. B. Brown, Geo. W. Sherman.

ASSESSORS.

Geo. H. Streeter, C. C. Brown, Sanford Booth.

COLLECTOR.

Elijah Allen.

AUDITORS.

Geo. W. Earle, Edward Bliss.

CONSTABLES.

F. E. Cook, Orrin Hicks, Peter Prue.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

James Read Brown, term expires 1897.

N. S. Hubbard, “ “ 1898.

R. V. Sawin, “ “ 1899.

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

F. E. Cook, Samuel H. Adams, Orus E. Parker.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

Geo. M. Hitchcock, term expires 1897.

Miss R. M. Lincoln, “ “ 1897.

Oscar F. Brown, “ “ 1898.

Mrs. J. R. Noyes, “ “ 1898.

Rev. W. K. Pierce, “ “ 1899.

Miss M. A. Tarbell, “ “ 1899.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Geo. M. Hitchcock, E. W. Potter, term expires 1897;
Emery Livermore, term expires 1898.

FENCE VIEWERS.

M. H. Baker, F. E. Cook, Chas. C. Brown.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER.

W. P. Holden, T. J. Morgan, D. W. Foskett, H. L.
Converse, N. S. Powers.

FIELD DRIVERS.

Geo. W. Earle, W. L. Davenport, Geo. E. Sibley.

POUND KEEPER.

Edward Bliss.

SEXTON.

Geo. M. Hitchcock.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

John L. Chaffee.

POLICE OFFICER.

Needham Moulton.

FIRE WARDS.

Byron W. Charles, Josiah Stebbins, John W. Brown.

AUCTIONEER.

F. E. Cook.

INSPECTOR OF PROVISIONS, ANIMALS, ETC.

Porter A. Parker.

APPRAISERS OF TOWN FARM PROPERTY.

M. H. Baker, Geo. H. Streeter, Geo. L. Agard.

FISH WARDENS FOR SHERMAN'S POND.

Chas. S. Tarbell, James Read Brown, Everett Sherman.

TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE BURIAL OF DECEASED, INDIGENT,
OR FRIENDLESS SOLDIERS AND SAILORS, AS PRO-
VIDED FOR BY CHAP. 279 OF THE ACTS OF 1896.

Edward Bliss.

LICENSE FOR THE SLAUGHTERING OF ANIMALS.

Geo. E. Hitchcock, John C. Spring, H. M. Williams.

LIST OF NAMES IN JURY BOX FOR THE YEAR
1896.

Oscar F. Brown,	Arthur B. Brown,
Edward H. Morgan,	Orus E. Parker,
Moses H. Baker,	Wm. C. Davenport,
D. Winslow Foskett,	Geo. H. Streeter,
	Geo. W. Sherman,

Miner H. Corbin, drawn Apr. 22, 1896:

Geo. M. Hitchcock, drawn Oct. 12, 1896.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

To the Citizens of Brimfield:

The selectmen submit the following as their report and a statement of orders drawn on account of bills approved by the various officers and committees chosen by the town for the year ending March 1st, 1897.

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS FOR 1895-6.

Order No.

10.	Michael Traverse, snow,	\$1 23
13.	Philip Burns, highway,	32 37
14.	Sanford Booth, “	35 45
14.	Sanford Booth, snow,	1 92
17.	Orrin Hicks, highway,	5 13
17.	Orrin Hicks, snow,	2 89
18.	W. A. Gilbert, highway,	2 75
18.	W. A. Gilbert, snow,	1 05
18.	W. A. Gilbert, bridges,	45
19.	M. H. Baker, highway,	3 00
25.	Henry Blodget, “	19 50
26.	J. A. McKinstry, “	8 15
36.	B. W. Charles, “	23 25
38.	F. Edgar Brown, snow,	37
105.	Sanford Booth, railing,	14 00
97.	John S. Needham, snow,	75
3.	R. V. Sawin, schools,	8 00
11.	Edward Wood, “	4 00
23.	O. E. Parker, “	14 50
35.	J. Stebbins, “	18 00
		—————
		\$196 76

HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation,

\$2000 00

ORDERS DRAWN BY J. L. CHAFFEE.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS,

Order No.

41.	J. L. Chaffee,	\$433 53
61.	“ “	306 07
95.	“ “	416 02
99.	“ “	85 81
100.	“ “	21 60
122.	“ “	75
130.	“ “	243 75
153.	“ “	86 03
164.	“ “	12 00
167.	“ “	30 12
196.	“ “	34 56
239.	“ “	1 67
198.	“ “	16 12
199.	“ “	1 50
57.	Geo. E. Allen, edge to scraper, etc.,	8 50
65.	Geo. W. Sherman, dynamite, etc.,	35 25
93.	“ “ “ “ fuse,	75

 \$1734 03

BRIDGES.

Appropriation,

\$200 00

Order No.

38.	F. Edgar Brown, sawing plank,	44
43.	John F. Roy, plank,	43 75
153.	J. L. Chaffee, labor and timber,	105 81
164.	J. L. Chaffee, “ “ “	10 78
167.	J. L. Chaffee, “ “ “	64 07
171.	J. M. Allen, plank,	39 61
234.	C. A. Brown & Co., nails,	3 25

 \$267 71

SNOW.

Order No.

239.	J. L. Chaffee,	\$39 19
265.	J. L. Chaffee,	50 82

 \$90 01

OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Appropriation,	\$500 00
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PAYMENTS.

SELECTMEN.

Order No.

19.	M. H. Baker,	\$10 00	
271.	Geo. W. Sherman,	19 10	
275.	Arthur B. Brown,	20 00	
		<hr/>	\$49 10

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

16.	C. C. Brown,	\$3 00	
19.	M. H. Baker,	4 00	
271.	Geo. W. Sherman,	5 00	
273.	Geo. M. Hitchcock,	7 00	
275.	Arthur B. Brown,	4 00	
		<hr/>	\$23 00

ASSESSORS.

21.	W. A. Janes,	\$6 00	
150.	Geo. H. Streeter,	32 50	
151.	C. C. Brown	36 54	
162.	C. C. Brown,	2 00	
168.	Sanford Booth,	33 00	
276.	Geo. H. Streeter,	1 00	
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TOWN CLERK.

273.	Geo. M. Hitchcock,	\$20 00
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CONSTABLE.

260.	F. E. Cook,	\$10 50
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TREASURER.

273.	Geo. M. Hitchcock,	\$30 00
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SEXTON.

273.	Geo. M. Hitchcock,	\$39 00
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BOARD OF HEALTH.

16.	C. C. Brown,	\$1 00	
19.	M. H. Baker,	1 00	
275.	Arthur B. Brown,	50	
		<hr/>	\$2 50
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			\$285 14

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Order No.

4.	O. W. Studley, officer's fees, Har- ness case,	\$8 31
8.	G. F. Chamberlain, medical ser- vices, Wm. Allen,	7 75
12.	Needham Moulton, janitor,	8 33
15.	C. S. Tarbell, reimbursement on water supply for fountain,	30 74
19.	M. H. Baker, expenses to Boston and repairs on constitution box,	5 30
22.	W. L. Daniels, cutting wood,	6 15
24.	H. P. Holden, aid to J. W. Goss,	28 00
27.	C. G. Hastings, on account of Wm. Allen,	11 50
31.	Needham Moulton, janitor,	8 33
38.	F. E. Brown, teller, \$2.00, and chestnut boards, .35, 1	2 35
39.	Wm. Carlton, damages on road,	25 00
44.	H. L. Converse, oil,	2 07
45.	Needham Moulton, janitor,	8 33
46.	A. W. Pierson, oil,	65
51.	Cecil T. Bagnall, town reports,	57 85
59.	E. A. Buck, padlocks,	1 60
63.	A. F. Fisher, fountain supplies,	12 40
64.	B. W. Charles, services fire warden,	31 60

66.	W. L. Daniels, work on cemetery and common,	26 94
68.	H. P. Holden, aid to J. W. Goss,	16 00
73.	Frank Converse, lighting lamp on fountain,	3 15
90.	Needham Moulton, janitor,	8 33
92.	F. D. Moore, work on common,	3 50
93.	Geo. W. Sherman, pond notices,	1 50
94.	A. B. Brown, mowing common,	2 50
96.	Frank Converse, lighting lamp at fountain,	4 50
101.	Needham Moulton, janitor,	8 33
103.	Edward Bliss, burial expenses of Austin Moulton,	35 00
109.	N. S. Hubbard, expenses to Boston, State road,	10 33
116.	R. V. Sawin, drain pipe,	3 00
117.	H. P. Holden, aid for J. W. Goss,	26 00
120.	C. L. Johnson, printing,	3 25
122.	Josiah Stebbins, committee,	3 50
124.	H. A. McFarland, taxes,	3 06
128.	Needham Moulton, janitor,	8 33
133.	Nelson Clapper, watching fire, J. W. S. Wetherell,	1 50
134.	John P. Griggs, watching fire, J. W. S. Wetherell,	1 50
135.	Gillett & McClench, legal advice,	1 00
137.	A. W. Pierson, oil,	75
138.	Geo. M. Hitchcock, stationery,	3 00
145.	F. E. Cook, mowing cemetery,	10 00
146.	C. L. Johnson, printing,	2 10
148.	Needham Moulton, janitor	8 33
157.	H. A. Northrop, Brown case,	8 25
159.	Porter A. Parker, wood for town hall,	27 00
166.	Needham Moulton, janitor,	8 33
187.	F. E. Brown, wood for town hall,	2 05
188.	A. W. Pierson, oil,	65
193.	Needham Moulton, janitor,	8 33
194.	O. F. Brown, ballot clerk,	3 00
195.	C. L. Johnson, printing,	80

197.	Moses H. Baker, ballot clerk and teller,	3 00
202.	O. W. Phelps, returning births,	75
203.	A. W. Pierson, oil,	65
205.	A. F. Fisher, repairing stove,	5 00
208.	Orrin Hicks, police officer,	2 00
215.	H. P. Holden, aid to J. W. Goss,	28 00
216.	N. S. Hubbard, aid to J. W. Goss,	4 50
217.	Needham Moulton, janitor,	8 33
218.	John W. Brown, watching fire,	3 00
220.	Fred C. Wright, insurance,	81 00
222.	F. N. Stearns, fire extinguishers,	27 00
223.	R. V. Sawin, returning births,	3 00
225.	Needham Moulton, janitor,	8 33
226.	A. W. Pierson, oil,	65
227.	A. E. Fitch, officer's fees, A. Week's case,	10 86
228.	Horace M. Locke, returning births,	50
231.	Geo. M. Hitchcock, aid to J. W. Goss,	14 00
232.	W. L. Daniels, sawing wood,	9 45
238.	H. L. Converse, oil, etc.,	1 25
240.	M. Anna Tarbell, carrying wood,	72
242.	Geo. M. Hitchcock, aid to J. W. Goss,	8 00
244.	F. A. Smith, insurance,	24 00
256.	Needham Moulton, janitor,	8 37
261.	Porter A. Parker, inspector,	120 50
273.	Geo. M. Hitchcock, returning births, deaths, express, postage, etc.,	38 69
275.	Arthur B. Brown, express and postage,	1 10
212.	U. J. Shaw fund, deposited in bank,	200 00
214.	M. W. Wheeler fund, " " "	50 00

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PAYMENTS FOR STATE AID.

Alonzo Allen,	\$48 00	
Mary A. Brownell,	48 00	
Francis E. Cook,	48 00	
Olive M. Groves,	48 00	
Margaret H. Marsh,	48 00	
Alnia Sibley,	48 00	
Dennis Smith,	48 00	
Elvira Carder,	48 00	
Clara Newport,	48 00	
Francis A. Wood,	15 00	
Austin N. Moulton,	10 00	
Laura M. Moulton,	40 00	
Levi W. Emerson,	20 00	
Harriet A. Foskett,	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$529 00

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

County tax,	\$585 47
State tax,	297 50

PAYMENTS FOR MARKERS FOR THE GRAVES OF SOLDIERS IN REVOLUTIONARY WAR.

Appropriation,		\$30 00
Order No.		
30. M. D. Jones, 20 markers,	\$20 50	
71. M. D. Jones, 8 “	8 25	
127. M. D. Jones, 1 “	1 25	
	<hr/>	\$30 00

GUIDE POSTS.

The Superintendent of Streets hereby presents the required report of guide posts maintained by the town the past year.

The total number is twenty-six and located as follows :

- Two at east end of common, one to Palmer, one to Warren.
- One at junction of roads near house of Geo. H. Streeter.
- One at junction of roads near house of Andrew Stone.
- One at junction of roads near schoolhouse No. 6.
- Two at fork of roads near house of Austin Woodard.
- Four at junction of roads near house of Chester Scarborough.
- One at fork of roads near John C. Spring.
- One at fork of roads near Daniel Haynes.
- One at fork of roads near bridge leading to Holland.
- One at fork of roads near Porter A. Parker.
- One at junction of roads near store of John F. Converse.
- One on Warren road near house of Geo. Whitehouse, leading to Warren.
- Two at junction of roads near house of Wilbur G. Parker.
- One at junction of roads near house of Geo. F. Holdridge.
- One at fork of roads near Dunhamtown schoolhouse.
- One at fork of roads west of Edward B. Brown.
- One at fork of roads near barn of Est. John Cunningham.
- One at fork of roads near house of John W. Lawrence.
- One at junction of roads near house of Chas. C. Brown.
- One on Warren road leading to Henry Adams.

J. L. CHAFFEE, Superintendent of Streets.

Assessors' Report, 1896.

NUMBER OF RESIDENTS ASSESSED ON PROPERTY.

Individuals,	211
All others,	24
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Total,	235

NUMBER OF NON-RESIDENTS ASSESSED ON PROPERTY.

Individuals,	76
All others,	14
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Total,	90

Number of persons assessed on property,	325
Number of persons assessed for poll tax only,	99
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Total,	424

Number of polls assessed,	271
Tax on polls \$2.00.	
Value of assessed personal estate,	\$51941 00
Value of buildings excluding land,	\$156417 00
Value of land excluding buildings,	189441 00
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Total real,	\$345858 00
Total valuation of real and personal,	\$397799 00

Tax on polls,	\$542 00
Tax on personal,	1006 32
Tax on real,	6671 56
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Total tax,	\$8219 88

Rate per \$1000, \$19.25.

Number of horses assessed,	276
“ “ cows “	760
“ “ sheep “	144
“ “ neat cattle other than cows assessed,	297
“ “ swine assessed,	84
“ “ dwelling houses assessed,	219
“ “ acres of land, “	21,022 5-6

APPROPRIATIONS, 1896.

For highways	\$2000 00
Bridges,	200 00
Schools, wages of teachers, fuel and care of schoolhouses,	1450 00
Conveyance of pupils,	100 00
Text books and supplies,	150 00
Repair of schoolhouses,	150 00
Salary of Superintendent,	225 00
Services of school committee,	50 00
Public library,	175 00
Paupers,	1200 00
Officers' salaries,	500 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	700 00
Interest on town debt,	125 00
Flags, poles, etc., for school houses,	50 00
Grave markers for soldiers of the Revolution,	30 00
State and military aid,	50 00
Memorial day,	50 00
Total,	<hr/> \$7205 00
State tax,	297 50
County tax,	585 47
Total,	<hr/> \$8087 97
Overlayings,	131 91
	<hr/> \$8219 88
Special warrants for poll taxes,	4 00
Total amount raised by taxation,	<hr/> \$8223 88

SANFORD BOOTH,	} Assessors of Brimfield.
GEO. H. STREETER,	
CHARLES C. BROWN,	

Collectors' Report.

A. G. TARBELL, COLLECTOR FOR 1892.

1896.	Dr.	
March 4.	To bal. of uncollected tax,	\$141 06
April 29.	Cr. by cash,	50 00

ALBERT G. TARBELL, Collector.

ELIJAH ALLEN, COLLECTOR FOR 1895.

1896.	Dr.	
March 4.	To bal. uncollected tax,	\$1222 56
1897.		
March 1.	Cr. by cash,	\$1071 61
	“ “ abatements,	30 01
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		\$1101 62
	Bal. uncollected,	120 94

Signed,

ELIJAH ALLEN, Collector.

ELIJAH ALLEN, COLLECTOR FOR 1896.

	Dr.	
	To amount of tax,	\$8223 88
1897.	Cr.	
March 1.	By cash paid treasurer,	6288 39
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	Bal. uncollected,	\$1935 49

ELIJAH ALLEN, Collector.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor, for the year ending March 1st, 1897.

ORDERS PAID BY TREASURER FOR ALMS- HOUSE, FOR YEAR ENDING MAR. 1, 1897.

Order No.

1.	G. H. Streeter, services as appraiser,	\$2 00
2.	R. V. Sawin, M. D., service,	41 50
6.	G. W. Sherman, services as appraiser,	2 00
7.	H. L. Converse, groceries, etc.,	12 75
26.	J. A. McKinstry, salary,	35 42
28.	S. H. Adams, services as overseer,	13 00
40.	J. A. McKinstry, money advanced,	75 50
42.	H. L. Converse, groceries, etc.,	12 09
67.	H. L. Converse, groceries, etc.,	13 33
98.	H. L. Converse, groceries, etc.,	10 77
102.	J. A. McKinstry, quarter salary,	106 25
104.	R. V. Sawin, M. D., medical service,	3 75
111.	H. L. Converse, groceries, etc.,	13 63
132.	H. L. Converse, groceries, etc.,	13 67
139.	J. A. McKinstry, for money advanced,	103 55
144.	J. A. McKinstry, quarter salary,	106 25
149.	H. L. Converse, groceries, etc.,	11 01
161.	R. V. Sawin, medical service,	27 50
169.	H. L. Converse, groceries, etc.,	16 30
200.	H. L. Converse, groceries, etc.,	13 16
213.	J. A. McKinstry, quarter salary,	106 25
221.	H. L. Converse, groceries, etc.,	6 25
223.	R. V. Sawin, medical service,	5 25
233.	D. L. Fuller, for two cows,	52 00
235.	O. E. Parker, services as overseer,	6 00
236.	H. L. Converse, groceries, etc.,	8 23
246.	J. A. McKinstry, two months' salary,	70 82
260.	F. E. Cook, services as overseer of poor,	16 75
263.	H. L. Converse, groceries, etc.,	6 24
267.	O. E. Parker, services as overseer of poor,	4 00
268.	R. V. Sawin, medical service,	27 00

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ORDERS PAID BY TOWN TREASURER FOR OUT-SIDE POOR FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1897.

Order No.

2.	R. V. Sawin, medical service,	\$1 50
5.	O. T. McCrillis, for support of Eugene,	6 64
9.	Mary S. Burr, support Lewis Nephew,	10 00
32.	Mary S. Burr, support Lewis Nephew,	10 00
33.	O. T. McCrillis, support of Eugene,	4 43
47.	O. T. McCrillis, support of Eugene,	8 64
48.	Mary S. Burr, support Lewis Nephew,	10 00
69.	Town of Warren, aid to Moran and family,	18 78
70.	Mary S. Burr, support Lewis Nephew,	10 00
89.	O. T. McCrillis, for support of Eugene,	6 43
104.	R.V.Sawin, medical attendance, Mrs. Whitcomb,	6 00
108.	Mary S. Burr, support of Lewis Nephew,	10 00
114.	R. V. Sawin, M. D., attendance on Mrs. Chas. Adams,	21 75
115.	O. T. McCrillis, support of Eugene McCrillis,	6 63
125.	Mary S. Burr, support Lewis Nephew,	10 00
131.	H. L. Converse, supplies to Chas. Adams,	3 00
142.	O. T. McCrillis, support of Eugene,	6 43
143.	Mary S. Burr, support Lewis Nephew,	10 00
158.	Mary S. Burr, support of Lewis Nephew,	10 00
163.	O. T. McCrillis, support of Eugene,	6 64
190.	O. T. McCrillis, support of Eugene,	6 43
191.	Mary S. Burr, support of Lewis Nephew,	10 00
204.	Mary S. Burr, support of Lewis Nephew,	3 33
206.	O. T. McCrillis, for support of Eugene,	6 64
210.	H. G. Loomis, casket for Nephew,	15 00
211.	R. V. Sawin, medical attendance on Nephew,	4 50
230.	O. T. McCrillis, support of Eugene,	6 64
235.	O. E. Parker, services and expenses,	17 00
237.	H. L. Converse, supplies to Miller,	2 94
243.	Town of Palmer, aid to O. B. Hill,	3 31
250.	Geo. W. Stone, rent,	8 00
260.	F. E. Cook, services and expenses,	11 00
262.	H. L. Converse, supplies for Miller,	4 75
267.	O. E. Parker, services and expenses,	2 11
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		\$278 52

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF BRIMFIELD.

Dr.

March 1, 1896.

To Farm as appraised,	\$4000 00	
Neat stock,	392 00	
Hay and grain,	281 00	
Farm tools, wood, etc.,	423 60	
Provisions,	169 93	
House furniture,	277 05	
	<hr/>	\$5543 58

Orders paid by treasurer, for alms house,	942 22	
Orders paid by treasurer, for outside poor,	278 52	
Bills paid by warden, by products of farm,	332 94	
Due Mary Bloomer, for work,	65 50	
Due warden, on account,	22 08	
Due city of Brockton, est.,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$1651 26

Total Dr. account, \$7194 84

INVENTORY, MARCH 1st, 1897.

Cr.

By farm as appraised,		\$4000 00
1 horse,	\$60 00	
1 horse,	40 00	
8 cows,	200 00	
2 one-year-olds,	33 00	
1 calf,	2 00	
26 fowls,	13 00	
5 hogs,	35 00	
	<hr/>	\$383 00

HAY AND GRAIN.

15 tons English hay,	\$180 00	
10 tons meadow hay,	50 00	
Rye straw,	6 00	
21 bush. rye,	12 60	
107 baskets of corn,	18 55	
	<hr/>	\$267 15

Farm tools, wood, etc.,	\$376 60
Provisions,	92 51
House furnishings,	297 80
Due from State for aid to Lewis Nephew,	112 83
Due from New Bedford, aid to Miller,	7 69
Received for farm products,	332 94
Due for Feb. cream,	17 00
Due for pork,	16 53
Due for hay,	10 00

Total Cr. account,

\$5914 05

Inventory at town farm, 1896,	\$5543 58
“ “ “ “ 1897,	5417 06

Loss on valuation,

\$126 52

Total Dr. account,	\$7194 84
Total Cr. account,	5914 05

Balance, the amount it cost to support the poor,

\$1280 79

From this amount,	\$1280 79
Deduct cost of outside poor,	278 52

Balance, the cost of poor at alms house, \$1002 27

Average number at alms house, 10 5-13.

Number of weeks' board of inmates, 540

Number of tramps 642, estimated at $\frac{3}{4}$ day each, 69 weeks.

Total number of weeks' board furnished, 609

Cost of each weeks' board, \$1.64.

FARM PRODUCTS FOR 1896.

15 tons Eng. hay,	500 lbs. cabbage,
13 tons meadow hay,	200 lbs. squash,
2 tons mowed oats,	2 bush. beans,
1½ tons rowen,	5 bush. tomatoes,
6 tons corn fodder,	185 dozen eggs,
4 tons corn stover,	1000 lbs. rye straw,
100 bush. corn,	10 bush. rye,
100 bush. potatoes,	50 chickens,
20 bush. marigolds,	992 lbs. pork,
30 bush. carrots,	500 lbs. beef,
2 bush. parsnips,	8 bush. sweet corn.

F. E. COOK, } Overseers
O. E. PARKER, } of Poor.

Brimfield Public Library.

GEO. M. HITCHCOCK, IN ACCOUNT WITH TRUSTEES OF
PUBLIC LIBRARY.

1897.	CR.	
March 1.	By cash paid for books, salary of librarian, binding magazines, express and postage,	\$283 32

1896.	DR.	
March 1.	To cash on hand,	\$49 02
April 6.	“ “ - appropriated by the town,	150 00
“ “	“ “ appropriated by the town,	25 00
“ “	“ “ salary of librarian,	50 00
“ “	“ “ bills outstanding,	9 30
		<hr/> \$283 32

1896. U. J. SHAW FUND.

July 1.	Deposit in Springfield Int. for Savings,	\$500 00
“ “	“ “ Palmer Savings Bank,	741 78
“ “	“ “ Five Cent Sav- ings Bank,	500 00
Aug. 15.	“ “ Hampden Sav- ings Bank,	502 81
		<hr/> \$2244 59

W. K. PEIRCE,	}	Approved by Library Trustees.
OSCAR F. BROWN,		
M. ANNA TARBELL,		

Brimfield, March 6, 1897.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The past year has been an unusually prosperous one in the history of the library. There has been an exceptionally large accession of books; various gifts have been received; the hours of opening have been somewhat extended, and the circulation of books and the interest manifested in the library have been encouraging. The signal advantage which the library has enjoyed during the past year, is the receipt from the State of a gift of books to the value of one hundred dollars, the town having accepted, at the last annual town-meeting, the provisions of the Library Act of 1892.

In the librarian's report of last year, there was urged the need of filling certain deficiencies in the library, as some subjects were very slightly represented. The prospective gift from the State seemed to offer a special opportunity for strengthening some of these weak places, since the State Library Commission granted the selection of books to the trustees of our library, with the recommendation that its special needs should be considered. Much time and labor were given to the preparation of a list of books which should help fill the deficiencies noted, and of such books on the given subjects as would be most likely to be read. When this list was ready to be presented to the Commission it was found to represent much more than one hundred dollars in value; whereupon the trustees of our library requested the Commission to expend for them fifty dollars of the town's appropriation at the same time that the gift from the State should be purchased. By this means, there was at one time a large accession of books, all subject to the approval of the State Library Commission. Upon their arrival, the library was open during special hours to give the public the opportunity of examining the books before they were placed on the shelves. Much interest was shown in the books and much satisfaction expressed concerning the new acquisitions, not only by the usual patrons of the library but by others who do not often frequent it, called thither as they were by the special attraction offered. This collection of books numbered 172, of which 123 were the State's gift.

Books to the number of 48 have been purchased at other times during the year.

SELECTION OF BOOKS.

In making the selection of books, there was early considered the constantly expressed need of the teachers of the schools of works pertaining to nature study. It will be seen that the following books are of as much interest to all, as they are of assistance to the teachers and pupils of the schools:

“Birdcraft,” “Birds of Eastern North America,” “Bird Ways,” “Four-Handed Folk,” “Frail Children of the Air,” “Fresh Fields,” “Familiar Trees and Their Leaves,” “How to Know the Wild Flowers,” “Trees of Northern United States,” and Thoreau’s “Cape Cod,” “In the Maine Woods” and “Walden.” The books relating to child study and teaching will be found exceedingly helpful in the home as well as in the school. They are: “Education of Man,” “Froebel’s Gifts,” “Finger Plays,” “In the Child’s World,” “Study of Child Nature,” “The Story Hour,” “The Story in Early Education” and White’s “Pedagogy.” The new books include many illustrative of American history, and a number of assistance in teaching geography. Up to a year ago, the only work relating to the history of art contained in the library was Mrs. Jameson’s “Early Italian Painters.” To this have been added several works treating of the fine arts in such a way as to be attractive to the general reader. While the library has always contained a good proportion of works upon American history and biography the same cannot be said in regard to other departments of history, especially ancient history. The accessions of the past year have partially remedied this defect, but there is a demand for additional historical works. Few of the more recent poets were represented upon the shelves of our library, and a number of volumes of poetry have been added. In the department of literary criticism and interpretation there are several choice works among the new books.

Much attention has been given to the selection of books, both of prose and verse, for the young people and children. Without

enumerating all the subjects represented by the additions of the past year, it may be said that they include a due proportion of the best fiction. Most of the recent fiction purchased has been selected from lists published monthly by the Massachusetts Library Club.

GIFTS.

Gifts of books to the circulating library have been received from Mrs. J. H. Noyes and from Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Earle. Ancient books have been contributed by Mrs. Edwin B. Janes and Mrs. Sibley. Subscription for the New England Magazine was given by Salem D. Charles, and cases for the transportation of books to the outlying districts of the town have been presented by John M. Warren. Through Miss Alice G. Chandler of the Woman's Education Association of Boston, our library received 34 unbound volumes of the Atlantic Monthly, ranging, with some missing volumes, from the second year of the publication of the magazine to December, 1894. The magazines have been bound at the library's expense and form a valuable acquisition. Peculiar interest is attached to the earlier numbers of the Atlantic, since in them were first published many of the writings of authors whose names have become familiar household words. Of special interest is the first number of the Atlantic which the collection fortunately contained, but all the other numbers of the first volume are wanting. It is very desirable that the missing volumes and numbers be obtained, if possible, to complete the set, and it is hoped that friends of the library may be able to assist in doing this.

OLD BOOKS AND RECORDS.

It was urged, last year, that people should bring to the library ancient books and records such as are often found in the attics of Brimfield. It is a matter of regret that so many of these things have been destroyed, valuable as they are as historical material. Old books are known to have been sold at auction for a few cents the past year. If not so disposed of, these things are liable to be destroyed or lost. How much better to bring them to the library where they will be carefully preserved and become the

means of throwing important light upon past events! There is hardly a family in town but can contribute a book, newspaper, magazine or some kind of written record of value for its historical interest. It is hoped that there will be many contributions of this kind as well as many other gifts to the library during the coming year.

LOAN LIBRARY.

The Woman's Education Association of Boston has been doing an important work in promoting library interests for some years, by loaning sets of books, numbering about twenty-five volumes, to communities without libraries and to small libraries. These "travelling libraries" are loaned usually for a period of six months. About a year ago a set of valuable works upon American history, supplementing those already possessed by it, was loaned to our library. Owing to their not arriving as early as was intended the time of the loan of the books was extended till May next, making the period of stay over a year. The books were purchased with special regard for the needs of the Brimfield library, where the travelling library found its first stopping-place, and they have proved an effective and much appreciated addition to its resources. It would seem advisable to retain the set upon the shelves of our library, permanently, by purchasing it.

MAGAZINES.

The magazines subscribed for have been increased by the addition of the Atlantic Monthly, The New England Magazine and The Chautauquan, all of which are indispensable to a list of such representative magazines as comes within the means of our library. The number of magazines subscribed for is eleven, and their circulation is one of the most highly enjoyed privileges of the library.

PATRONAGE.

A library's acquisitions form but a part of what must be considered in estimating its prosperity. The degree of interest it arouses and the work it accomplishes must be included in such an

estimate. One of the most important ways in which our library has been effective during the past year has been in assisting the work of the schools and attracting the young people. The teachers have obtained many books illustrative of the daily lessons and they have also been enabled to encourage the reading habit on the part of those under their charge. Teachers of the schools in outlying districts have carried out books to children, who otherwise would have no chance to read and would know nothing of any books besides the text books. The children and young people of the village have been eager frequenters of the library.

It is most desirable that all of the families in town should enjoy the benefits of the library, and this is believed to be possible. The library has been open on Friday afternoons during the past year from 2 to 5 o'clock in order to accommodate the pupils of the high school, in accordance with the changed hours of session, as well as those of the town schools. Pupils living at a distance can thus carry books to their homes each Friday. Such school pupils, as well as the teachers of the town schools, have expressed their willingness to transfer books for families living in their respective districts or neighborhoods that do not send children to the schools in the village, and the librarian is glad to render all possible service in assisting people at a distance to receive books. It is hoped that more families will avail themselves of the privileges of the library during the coming year.

Although statistics are not an exact measure of work accomplished, the following are submitted: During the past year there have been added to the circulating department 230 volumes of which 123 were given by the State and 11 by individuals. Thirty-one volumes have been received for the reference library from the State and national governments, 33 volumes have been purchased to replace worn-out ones, 3556 volumes have been taken out for home use besides 727 magazines. Three hundred and twenty-seven persons have drawn books.

NEEDS OF THE LIBRARY.

The appropriation made by the town at the last annual town meeting has been found necessary for its requirements and has

been advantageously expended. A liberal appropriation will be needed for the coming year. Things that are alive, active and making an impression upon their surroundings demand support and generous sustenance. The immediate necessity of new shelf room is obvious to all who enter the library. Only a beginning has been made towards forming a well-balanced collection of books, and there are standard works indispensable to a good library, which are waiting to be bought. Within a few years there has been a wonderful development of ideas regarding library work and progressive libraries are finding out many ways of increasing their usefulness. It is desirable that Brimfield should keep somewhat abreast of the times and give those having its library in charge the means of putting into practice some of these progressive and sensible ideas.

M. ANNA TARBELL, Librarian.

APPROPRIATIONS AND PAYMENTS FOR 1896-7.

	Appropriations.		Payments.	
For highway repairs,		\$2000 00	\$1877	63
Bridges,		200 00	268	16
Snow paths,			98	22
Schools,		1450 00	2545	79
School Superintendent,	\$225 00			
Income of Mass. school fund,	430 06			
Income of Mass. school fund,	375 00			
Services of school committee,	50 00			
Conveyance of pupils,	100 00			
Text books and supplies,	150 00			
Dog fund,	164 49			
	————	\$1494 55	\$2508	29
Schoolhouse repairs,		\$150 00	\$51	08
Support of paupers,		1200 00	1260	99
Officers' salaries,		500 00	335	14
Appropriated for flags for schoolhouses,		50 00		
Markers for Rev. soldiers,		30 00	30	00
Public library,		150 00	150	00
“ “		25 00	25	00
State aid,		50 00		
Received from State for State aid,		537 00	529	00
Received from military aid,		48 00		
County tax,			585	47
State tax,			297	50
Memorial day,		50 00		
Miscellaneous expenses,		700 00	1173	72
Interest on town debt,		125 00	120	94

Treasurer's Report.

GEO. M. HITCHCOCK, IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN
OF BRIMFIELD.

1896.		DR.	
March	1.	To cash on hand,	\$3413 82
April	3.	To cash received, town of Palmer, aid to Wm. Allen,	19 25
	6.	To cash received, estate M. W. Wheeler, cemetery fund,	50 00
		To cash received, estate Ursula J. Shaw, cemetery fund,	200 00
	15.	To cash received of R. V. Sawin, for soil,	7 25
	29.	To cash received, A. G. Tar- bell, on tax of 1892,	50 00
May	1.	To cash received, Geo. E. Hitchcock, slaughterhouse license,	1 00
	4.	To cash received, John C. Spring, slaughter house license,	1 00
	13.	To cash received, State treas- urer, for support State pauper,	106 00
	15.	To cash received, State treas- urer, for account of inspec- tion of cattle,	49 67
	30.	To cash received, Geo. E. Littlefield, for two town histories,	5 00
July	1.	To cash received, W. L. Ricketts, Brimfield's por- tion of State money on account of superintendent of schools,	375 00

		To cash received, borrowed Geo. M. Hitchcock, ex- ecutor,	1000 00	
Nov.	3.	To cash received, H. M. Williams, slaughter house license,	1 00	
Dec.	12.	To cash received of Com- monwealth, corporation tax,	131 17	
		To cash received of Common- wealth, National Bank tax,	124 39	
		To cash received of Common- wealth, Military aid,	48 00	
		To cash received of Common- wealth, State aid,	537 00	
1897.				
Jan.	13.	To cash received, W. F. Adams, three town histories,	7 50	
	19.	To cash received, County treasurer, dog fund,	157 79	
	27.	To cash received, State treas- urer, income of Massachus- etts school fund,	430 06	
		To cash received, Elijah Allen, on tax of 1895,	1071 61	
		To cash received, Elijah Allen, on tax of 1896,	6288 39	
		To cash received, N. Moul- ton, for use of town halls,	26 50	
		To cash received, Second Congregational society for use of town hall,	125 00	
			<hr/>	\$14226 40

CR.

For highway repairs,	\$1877 63
Bridges,	268 16
Snow paths,	98 22
Support of schools,	2508 29
Repair of schoolhouses,	51 08
Support of paupers,	1260 99
Officers' salaries,	285 14
County tax,	585 47
State tax,	297 50
State aid,	529 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	926 22
Shaw fund deposited in Savings Bank,	200 00
Wheeler fund deposited in Savings Bank,	50 00
Markers at graves of Revolutionary soldiers,	30 00
Debt and interest,	1120 94
Appropriation to library,	150 00
“ “ “	25 00
Salary of librarian,	50 00
March 1, cash on hand,	3912 76
	<hr/> \$14,226 40

March 12, 1897.

We, the undersigned, have examined the report of the treasurer and find it to be correct.

GEO. W. EARLE, }
WILLIAM A. JANES, } Auditors.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

1897.

ASSETS.

March 1.	Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$3912	76	
	Due from State, one-half ex-			
	pense of cattle inspector,	60	25	
	For State aid,	529	00	
	For School Superinten-			
	dent,	225	00	
	Bal. of tax of 1892,	91	06	
	“ “ 1895,	120	94	
	“ “ 1896,	1935	49	
	From town of Gardner,	36	50	
	From town of Wales,	16	50	
	From State on account			
	of Lewis Nephew,	132	80	
				\$7060 30

LIABILITIES.

	Due Palmer Savings Bank,			
	note and interest,	\$2528	13	
	Town of Palmer, on re-			
	pair of bridge,	70	40	
	For school supplies and			
	conveyance of pupils,	46	00	
	Mary Bloomer,	65	50	
	J. A. McKinstry,	22	08	
	City of Brockton, est.,	10	00	
	Town of Monson,	4	00	
	Outstanding bills,	75	00	
	Bal. of assets over liabilities,	4239	19	
				\$7060 30

HARRIET ALLEN FUND.

Principal in Springfield Institution for Savings,
Jan. 1, 1897,

\$274 06

N. M. GOODALE FUND.

Principal in Springfield Institution for Savings,

\$60 24

MEMORIAL FUND.

Principal in Springfield Institution for Savings,

\$265 86

M. W. WHEELER FUND.

Principal in Springfield Institution for Savings,

\$51 50

U. J. SHAW FUND.

Principal in Springfield Institution for Savings,

206 04

Report of Town Clerk.

INSURANCE ON TOWN PROPERTY.

EXPIRES.	NAME OF COMPANY.	PROPERTY.	AMOUNT.	
Oct. 17, 1898	Royal of Liverpool	Town House	\$1,650	
Oct. 17, 1898	Royal of Liverpool	Furniture, etc.	850	
Oct. 17, 1898	Hartford	Town House	1,650	
Oct. 17, 1898	Hartford	Furniture, etc.	850	
Mar. 22, 1899	Ins. Co. of North America	Town House	2,000	
			—	\$7,000
Jan. 20, 1901	Ætna of Hartford	Public Library		\$2,000
April 25, 1899	Quincy Mutual	Almshouse	\$1,700	
Feb. 1, 1900	Ætna of Hartford	Almshouse	700	
Feb. 1, 1900	Ætna of Hartford	Furniture	400	
Feb. 1, 1900	Ætna of Hartford	Ice House	100	
July 15, 1897	Ætna of Hartford	Almshouse barn	1,800	
Dec. 1, 1897	Phœnix of Brooklyn	Hogshouse	100	
Dec. 1, 1897	Phœnix of Brooklyn	Hay, grain, tools	400	
Dec. 1, 1897	Phœnix of Brooklyn	Live Stock	500	
			—	\$5,700
Dec. 1, 1901	Ætna of Hartford	Schoolhouse No. 1	\$2,700	
Aug. 8, 1899	Ætna of Hartford	Schoolhouse No. 2	1,000	
			—	\$3,700
				\$18,400

BIRTHS RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1896.

DATE OF BIRTH.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Feb. 25,	Armedaus White,	M.,	Peter and Minnie White.
Feb. 29,	Robert W. Sawin,	M.,	Robert V. and Nettie (Washburne) Sawin.
Mar. 27,	Hazel M. Wetherell,	F.,	John W. S. and Etta L. (Gilbert) Wetherell.
Apr. 8,	—Merrill,	M.,	Amos B. and Augusta(Suckow) Merrill.
Apr. 23,	Ernest M. Hitchcock,	M.,	Frank G. and Ida G. (Dimick) Hitchcock.
May 25,	George B. Sherman,	M.,	George W. and Alice E.(Corey)Sherman.
June 4,	Ludwig Stanger,	M.,	Gustave A. and Caroline (Williams) Stanger
June 28,	Margaret Beauregard	F.,	Paul and Mouria (Rosalie) Beauregard.
July 8,	Catarino J. Friberg,	F.,	Peter A. and Mary (Johnson) Friberg.
Aug. 15,	Harry Favero,	M.,	Napoleon and Felenese (LaChanese)Favero.
Aug. 19,	John McIntire, Jr.,	M.,	John and Bridget (Scott) McIntire.
Aug. 31,	Linwood S. Palmer,	M.,	Fred D. and Sarah O.(Bump) Palmer.
Sept. 29,	Leona E. Siddall,	F.,	John P. and Bertha (Mitchell) Siddall.
Oct. 11,	Ellen M. Anderson,	F.,	Daniel and Emma(Wetherell) Anderson.
Nov. 10,	Lysle V. Davenport,	F.,	Wm.C. and Sadie M.(Macallister) Davenport
Nov. 18,	Myrtle Miller,	F.,	Irving P. and Irah F. (Cole) Miller.
July 1,	Eva I. Gionard,	F.,	Stanislus and Ananda (Bronduer) Gionard.
Oct. 1,	George E. Rouleau,	M.,	George and Salina (Laramie)Rouleau.
Oct. 19,	—Hubert,	F.,	J. Philbert and Ellen M. (Fisk) Hubert.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1896.

DATE.	BRIDEGROOM.	RESIDENCE.	BRIDE.	RESIDENCE.
Mar. 21,	Geo. A. Authier,	Stafford Springs, Ct.,	Lizzie Oche,	Salisbury, Ct.
May 20,	James F. Fenton,	Brimfield,	Lilian Ramsey,	Brimfield.

DEATHS RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1896.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	AGE.		
			YRS.	MOS.	DAYS.
Jan. 6,	John W. Browning,	Apoplexy,	84	5	29
Jan. 22,	Lydia B. Merrill,	Meiningitis,	7	1	29
Feb. 1,	Margaret Bradley,	LaGrippe and Pneumonia.			
Feb. 2,	Augusta A. Ward,	Atrophy of the Liver,	73	10	14
Feb. 25,	Armedus White,	Heart Failure,			
Mar. 3,	Electa Walker,	Apoplexy,	92	11	24
Mar. 26,	Roswell Foskett,	Consumption,	46		
Mar. 29,	Orpha G. Bemis,	Pneumonia,	67	2	5
Apr. 13,	Geo. F. Chamberlain,	Pneumonia,	69		15
Apr. 18,	Austin N. Moulton,	Pneumonia,	73	5	
Apr. 19,	Geo. Whitehouse,	Cardiac Dropsy,	69	3	19
Apr. 19,	Oliver H. Baker	Heart Disease,	78	7	3
May 6,	Amos Monroe,	Uraemia of brights disease,	82	1	22
June 3,	Mary F. Chandler,	Old Age,	85	5	
June 20,	Walter O. Bennett,	Congestion of Brain,	20	3	5
July 1,	Geo. Fleming,	Apoplexy,	73	1	
July 10,	Norman S. Powers,	Bright's Disease,	71		
July 23,	Ludwig Stanger,	Cholera Infantum,		1	5
Aug. 14,	Clara F. Adams,	Tumor,	42	3	3
Sept. 1,	William P. Toomey,	Cholera Infantum,		8	
Aug. 31,	Harry Favreau,	Marasmus,			14
Sept. 17,	Gilman P. Noyes,	Cancer,	55	7	16
Oct. 22,	Geo. E. Rouleau,	Convulsions,			22
Nov. 23,	Jane M. Webster,	Malignant growth of liver,	70	2	23
Dec. 11,	Fred St. George,	Diphtheria,	4	4	
Dec. 11,	Lewis Nephew,	Paralysis,	84	10	11

PERSONS BROUGHT HERE FROM OTHER PLACES FOR BURIAL.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME.	PLACE OF DEATH.	AGE.		
			YRS.	MOS.	DAYS.
1896.					
Dec. 3,	Sarah H. Newell,	Cleveland, Ohio,	92		
Dec. 12,	Minna Hamilton,	Brookfield,	32	1	23
Dec. 16,	Delia Ducker,	New York City,	36		

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

Town of Brimfield, Mass.

1896-7.

Appropriations available for the use of the		
School department,	\$1450 00	
Appropriation for Superintendent's salary,	225 00	
“ “ Conveyance,	100 00	
“ “ Text books and supplies,	150 00	
“ “ School house repairs,	150 00	
“ “ School committee,	50 00	
Income from State school fund,	430 06	
“ “ “ Treasurer on account		
of superintendent,	150 00	
Income from County dog fund,	164 49	
State aid for supervision,	225 00	
Total,	<hr/>	\$3094 55

EXPENDED FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1897.

For the School department, including		
salary of teachers, jan-		
itors and cost of fuel,	\$1815 18	
Superintendent's salary,	450 00	
Conveyance of pupils,	59 25	
Text books and supplies,	117 78	
Repairs,	61 62	
School committee,	36 45	
Truant officer,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$2541 78
Balance unexpended,		\$544 55

NO. OF ORDER.	NO. OF SCHOOL.	NAME OF TEACHERS.	WAGES OF SPRING TERM.	WAGES OF FALL TERM.	WAGES OF WINTER TERM.	WAGES OF JANITOR.	COST OF FUEL.	TOTAL COST OF EACH SCHOOL.
81, 183, 75. 266, 272, 186. 251, 58, 224, 269, 80, 176. 253.	1.	Lucy Booth,	\$77 00	\$84 00	\$90 00	\$13 60	\$42 68	
78, 182. 36, 58, 180. 182, 232. 86, 269. 186, 35. 85, 86, 219. 23.	1. 2. 2. 2. 3. 3.	Margaret Locke, S. M. Davenport, Addie Horton, G. M. Stowell, Malora Booth, G. M. Stowell,	77 00 77 00 84 00 63 00 72 00	84 00 84 00	90 00 65 00	4 20 4 20	17 50 18 00	\$558 28 247 70 157 20
177, 269. 254. 49, 84, 175. 82, 83, 126, 178, 181, 257. 258, 85, 126, 185, 255.	5. 5. 5. 6. 7. 10.	Stella Allen, Mabel Williams, Addie Horton, Minnie Corbin, Nellie Haley, Ruth Brown,	71 50 72 00 72 00 77 00 71 00	78 00 84 00 84 00	10 40 20 00			263 40 164 40

Appropriation for Supt., \$225	\$513 50	\$630 00	\$488 00	\$47 00	\$136 68	\$1815 18
State aid for supervision, \$225.	Paid Clara A. Wood, Supt., \$450					
Paid F. E. Cook, truant officer, \$1 50						

Appropriation for services of school committee, \$50 00

No. of Order.

3.	R. V. Sawin, services 1895,	8 00	
104.	R. V. Sawin, services 1896,	5 60	
268.	R. V. Sawin, services 1897,	5 35	
269.	J. R. Brown, services 1896-7,	17 50	
		<hr/>	\$36 45

Appropriation for conveyance of pupils, \$100 00

11.	E. C. Wood,	4 00	
76.	A. A. Stacy,	10 75	
77.	J. Stanton,	5 50	
106.	M. Corbin,	5 50	
179.	J. Stanton,	6 00	
184.	M. Corbin,	12 50	
189.	A. A. Stacy,	15 00	
		<hr/>	\$59 25

Appropriation for repairs, \$150 00

78.	S. M. McCallister,	25	
110.	S. Wetherbee, paint and oil No. 5,	7 45	
113.	S. Wetherbee, paint and oil No. 5,	7 43	
118.	H. E. Benson, labor No. 5,	9 67	
119.	J. Hymes, shingling No. 7,	2 85	
123.	E. M. Switzer, shingles No. 7,	15 75	
152.	G. W. Sherman, carting shingles		
	No. 7,	2 25	
141.	J. R. Brown, repairs,	4 70	
155.	T. C. Blashfield, No. 1,	3 20	
173.	H. Rude, ink wells No. 1,	3 17	
238.	H. L. Converse,	20	
264.	O. E. Parker,	75	
269.	J. R. Brown,	3 95	
		<hr/>	\$61 65

Appropriation for text books and supplies, \$150 00

52.	Smith and White,	10 97
53.	Springfield News Co.,	3 60
54.	Ginn & Co.,	6 00
55.	American Book Co.,	12 88
56.	Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	10 13

72.	Milton Bradley & Co.,	4	75
79.	G. S. Perry & Co.,	3	60
140.	E. Babb,	3	00
141.	J. R. Brown,	9	63
147.	Smith & White,	4	40
154.	Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	6	48
245.	American Book Co.,	14	40
247.	Ginn & Co.,	8	40
248.	Smith & White,	11	60
249.	Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	3	11
268.	R. V. Sawin, express,		35
269.	J. R. Brown, “	4	48
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			\$117 78

The above financial report shows an unexpended balance of \$544.55. This large surplus accumulated from several unexpected sources.

The “Dog fund” was voted for school purposes last year. This amount, \$164.49, had previously been used for the library. In connection with state aid for supervision we received from the state treasurer \$150.00 for the purpose of increasing the salary of our teachers. On account of several families changing their residence, schools No. 3, 6 and 10 furnished so few scholars of school age that the committee deemed it wise to limit the length of session to the time prescribed by law, 24 weeks. This left \$250.00 which under ordinary conditions would have been used.

The State school fund was larger this year than ever. The expenditures were kept inside of the appropriations for conveyance, text books, salaries and repairs. Towns supporting a public High school furnish free text books for their pupils. The committee recommend that the town authorize the school committee to furnish text books free to all town pupils attending the Hitchcock free high school.

We would recommend a careful reading of our superintendent's report which is a part of the committee's. The committee feel that in the death of their chairman the town and the cause of education have lost their most efficient worker.

R. V. SAWIN, }
J. R. BROWN, } Committee.

Report of the Superintendent.

To the School Committee of Brimfield:

My fifth report and the seventh in the superintendency of the town is hereby presented.

Your attention is first called to statistics taken from the school registers. The number of pupils who have not attended school the number of required weeks is smaller this year than ever before.

Number of children in the town between five and fifteen years of age, according to the census,	135
Number enrolled in the registers,	144
Number of pupils in the high school,	20

In accordance with your vote at the meeting in June, 1896, which said that the schools where the attendance should be kept open thirty-six weeks, the Center, Tower Hill and Dunhamtown schools, have shown an appreciation of this act by their attendance; the Center Grammar having 92 per cent. in attendance, Center Primary, 90 per cent., Tower Hill the highest of all, 95 per cent., Dunhamtown, 89 per cent. While the school buildings are in fairly good condition, there are a few improvements which can be made to advantage. The walls and ceiling need whitewashing, the wood work a coat of paint, the blackboards also demand attention; they were blackened about three years ago. If the inkspots could be removed and the desks varnished, the rooms would present a neat and cheerful appearance.

The number of town pupils in the Hitchcock free high school is twenty; the town is not as well represented as it ought to be. The estimated expense per pupil for a year's supply of books, paper, pencils, etc., is about \$9.00 per pupil. This amount where there is a family to be educated is often a heavy tax. If books and material could be furnished the town's pupils as is required in larger towns, doubtless there would be a larger number in the high school. After studying the question, "Why are not more of our young people in the high school?" this idea is offered as one solution.

The number of pupils in the center schools preparing to enter the high school in September is twelve, with possibly three more in the district schools. The average age is 13 years, 2 months. Four are under thirteen years of age; however, they are doing the work more creditably than many who have entered in previous years. This entire class needs more than one term's teaching in arithmetic as is planned in the high school course, as they have had only eight years' study. Which would be better to keep the class one year longer in the center school or to request the trustees to allow the class special attention in arithmetic?

In September, with your sanction, vertical writing was introduced into the primary and ungraded schools. The system has proved a success: the pupils sit in a hygienic position, the writing is plain, and a larger per cent. of good writers is found than when the slanting system was in use. Possibly the pupils are not so rapid writers as formerly but the writing is legible and when rapidity is required a change in the position of the hand will give the desired result. At the beginning of the fall term, it may be well to introduce the same system into the grammar grades. Its almost universal adoption in towns and cities proves that this is no "fad" but a system which helps to make good writers of our pupils.

Geography, according to the famous report of the committee of fifteen, is regarded second in importance of all the branches taught, arithmetic being placed first. That may be its rank; it is certainly one of the most difficult to teach. "Geography is not a science by itself like botany or geology or astronomy, but a collection of sciences levied upon to describe the earth as the dwelling place of man and to explain some of its more prominent features." The educational value of geography is very great. In these days of newspapers and periodicals, one's knowledge of this study is constantly brought into requisition; more than this, through the study of geography the memory, the imagination, the judgment and the desire for research are cultivated. Spencer says, "The child's restless observation, instead of being ignored or checked, should be ministered to and made as accurate as possible."

When our pupils leave the grammar schools, unless they are able to compare one country, its rivers and mountains, with another, unless they have a knowledge of the world's wonders, and a taste for good reading, something is wrong. Nearly five years ago, a course in this study was prepared which has been used as a guide by the teachers. As education advances, this outline must be changed so as to conform to the improved ideas and to the new text book ; hence, at the close of this report, one is presented for your inspection. This is in two parts, one relating to the subjects commonly included in geography and the other naming subjects which are to be taught by experiments in the time allotted to science or nature study.

In order to do satisfactory work, the teachers need books for reference. They have only one, Murdock's Outline of Geography. The pupils have, in addition to their text book, geographical readers of different countries, and Andrews' Seven Little Sisters. The teachers and pupils also bring into the school-room, books from the library relating to the subject ; these serve a double purpose, interesting the pupil and encouraging the use of library books.

Beginning with September, the subject for teachers' meetings has been geography. As a natural consequence, there is a great improvement in the teaching of this subject ; this is evident not only to those directly responsible but visitors have noticed and approved.

As I thank you again for your support and encouragement, I can but think of the chairman so recently taken from us. He was not content with the reports given him monthly but interested himself personally in the work of the schools. It was a privilege to work during his term of service.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARA A. WOOD.

TEACHERS, TERMS AND ATTENDANCE, 1896-97.

NO.	NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	SPRING TERM.	SALARY.	FALL TERM.	SALARY	WINTER TERM.	SALARY
1	Centre Grammar,	Miss L. M. Booth,	\$7.00	Miss L. M. Booth,	\$7.00	Miss L. M. Booth,	\$7.50
	Centre Primary,	Miss Margaret Locke,	7.00	Miss Margaret Locke,	7.00	Miss Margaret Locke,	7.50
2	E. Brimfield,	Mrs. S. M. Davenport,	7.00	Miss A. S. Horton,	7.00	Miss G. M. Stowell,	6.00
3	West Brick,	Miss M. A. Booth,	7.00	Miss G. M. Stowell,	6.00	Closed,	
5	Tower Hill,	Miss E. Stella Allen,	6.50	Miss M. Williams,	6.00	Miss A. S. Horton,	7.00
6	Northeast.	Miss Minnie Corbin,	7.00	Miss Minnie Corbin,	7.00	Closed,	
7	Dunhamtown,	Miss Nellie Haley,	6.50	Miss Nellie Haley,	6.50	Miss Nellie Haley,	7.00
8	W. Brimfield,	Closed,		Miss Ruth Brown,	6.00	Miss Ruth Brown,	6.00

	NO. ENROLLED.	AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP ...	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE...	PER CENT.	TARDINESSES...	WEEKS IN SESSION.....
1	Centre Grammar,	22.1	20.3	92	112	36
	Centre Primary,	18.7	16.9	90	70	36
2	E. Brimfield,	21.2	16.9	79	102	34
3	West Brick,	7.5	7.0	93	22	24
5	Tower Hill,	13.0	12.5	95	26	36
6	Northeast,	6.8	6.5	95	4	24
7	Dunhamtown,	11.2	10.	89	28	36
8	West Brimfield,	7.5	6.5	86	61	24
	144	108.0	96.6	89	425	

OUTLINE OF GEOGRAPHY. SUBJECTS TO BE TAUGHT.

SECOND YEAR.

Observation of common things. Direction. Distance, relative and absolute.

Domestic animals. Plants of temperate regions. Interesting people.

Tell and read facts relating to these subjects.

THIRD YEAR.

Hill, plain, valley, horizon, base, slope, summit.

Spring, brook, river, banks, pond, lake.

Locate and describe those in town. Make drawings of these.

Use pictures.

Domestic animals, those useful for food or clothing.

Plants of temperate regions.

People, Esquimaux, Indians, Negroes, Chinese, Japanese.

Occupations, industries of the town. Uses of railroads.

FOURTH YEAR.

Review. Draw map of the school room and of the town.

Cape, peninsula, isthmus, island, bay, sea, ocean, strait, river basin, water-parting, desert, harbor.

Lessons on the world as a whole, using topics which are given at the close of this outline.

Teach pupils how to read relief and political maps.

North America by topics. South America by topics.

Read to or tell the pupils of wonderful people, places and animals.

Insist upon oral and written reproductions.

Teach the spelling of new words. Draw maps.

FIFTH YEAR.

Review. Lessons on plants, animals, minerals. Change of seasons. Zones.

Rotation of the earth, axis, poles, equator, sphere, hemispheres, oceans, continents.

Productions of hot, cold and temperate regions. Races of men.

River basins, rivers. Plains, prairies.

Review North America. United States. The important cities are New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, New Orleans, St. Louis, San Francisco.

New study topically. Pay special attention to the ten largest cities. Massachusetts.

Europe, Asia, Africa. Review South America.

Routes of travel by land and sea.

Attend to the spelling of new words. Require pupils to reproduce what they have studied or read.

SIXTH YEAR.

Commence the complete geography. Review previous work. Study the world as a whole. World ridge, grand divisions, oceans, tides, waste of land.

Rainfall, springs, streams. River basins, river systems, rivers. Young and old lands. Flood plains, deltas. Coastal plains, lake plains. Mountains, volcanoes.

Shore forms. Latitude and longitude.

South America. The important cities are Rio Janeiro, Buenos Ayres, Valparaiso.

Europe. The important countries are British Isles, France, Germany, Austria, Russia, Italy, Spain.

The important cities are London, Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin, Edinburgh, Paris, Lyons, Brussels, Amsterdam, St. Petersburg, Berlin, Leipsic, Constantinople, Rome, Vienna, Madrid.

North America, paying special attention to Canada, Mexico, Central America.

United States. Study the states by groups.

Routes of travel by land and sea. Draw maps to illustrate the relief.

Study carefully the political geography, also the productions.

Pay attention to the spelling of new words. Require reproductions in writing, after teaching the important subjects.

SEVENTH YEAR.

The world.

Belts of heat ; seasons of the heat belts. Change of seasons.

Winds and rainfall. Ocean currents. Climate. Soil. Races of men.

Religion. Governments. Plants of the hot, warm, cool, cold belts. Animals.

Asia. The important countries are Japan, China, Arabia and India. Important cities are Tokio, Canton, Peking, Calcutta, Bombay. Study important productions.

Africa. Important countries are Egypt and Cape Colony. Important cities are Cairo and Alexandria. Study the physical features, the productions.

Australia. This country will not require much time.

United States. New England. Massachusetts. Study the manufacturing and commercial cities. Review the essential subjects in the previous year's plans.

EIGHTH YEAR.

Review. Exports and imports of the United States. Commercial cities of the world. Routes of commerce.

Review North America, preparatory to the study of history.

Among the books at the library are many new ones which are helpful in the study of geography and history, such as Chapman's "Birds of Eastern North America", Matthew's "Familiar Trees and their Leaves", Apgar's "Trees of Northern United States", "Little People of Asia", "Java", "Coal and Coal Mines", "Vikings of To-day", "Zigzag Journeys in the Mediterranean", "Zigzag Journeys in the Indian Seas", "Thousand Miles up the Nile", "Story of the Indian", "Hero Tales of American History", "Pioneer Mothers of the West", "Aunt Charlotte's Stories of American History", "Dolly Madison", "The Sabbath in Puritan New England", "Montcalm and Wolfe", "In the Boyhood of Lincoln", "A Knight of Liberty" and "In Old New England".

This is an appropriate place also to mention books which are purchased for the assistance of teachers in their general work; these are White's "Pedagogy", "Study of Child Nature", by Mrs. Harrison, "Froebel's Gifts", by Kate D. Wiggin, "Education of Man", by Froebel, "The Story of the Kindergarten in Early Education", by Sara E. Wiltse, "In the Child's World", by Miss Poullson, "The Story Hour", by Miss Wiggin.

The following subjects are to be taught by experiments when practicable, in the time allotted for science work.

Properties, uses of air, vapor, dew, frost, clouds, snow, rain, ice, fog, mist, hail, glaciers, iceburgs.

Teach pupils to read the thermometer. Keep weather record.

Winds, calm, breeze, gale.

Gravel, sand, clay. Shape of pebbles, how made, rocks, which are decaying.

Common mineral substances—salt, coal, chalk, gold, silver, building stones, etc.

TOPICS FOR THE STUDY OF THE WORLD.

Form of the earth, size, shape. Rotation, (axis, poles, equator, sun, moon, day and night.) Hemispheres. Oceans. Islands (continental and oceanic.)

World Ridge. Highlands. Lowlands. River Basins. River Systems.

Projections of land. Projections of water.

Climate. Hot, cool, cold belt. Ocean currents. Winds.

TOPICS FOR THE STUDY OF A COUNTRY.

Position, form, coastline, size. Projections of land. Projections of water.

Relief. Primary highland, secondary highland.

Water partings. River basins. River systems. Climate. Zones. Soil.

Productions. Locate agricultural, grazing, mining, manufacturing regions, by maps. Exports. Imports. People.

Political divisions. Commercial centers. Important cities. Capitals.

Important cities. Railroads. Water routes.

Town Warrant.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

HAMPDEN, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Brimfield :

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Brimfield, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Brimfield, on Monday, the fifth day of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz. :

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose all necessary town Officers for the ensuing year, also all committees and agents the business of the town may require. All officers required by law to be chosen by ballot, must be on one ballot. The polls will be open at half-past ten o'clock A. M., and may be closed at half-past two o'clock P. M.

Art. 3. To hear reports of officers and agents heretofore chosen by the town, and act thereon.

Art. 4. To raise money for the support of schools, highways, bridges, payment of town debts and to defray expenses for the ensuing year, and direct how the same shall be expended.

Art. 5. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the selectmen.

Art. 6. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the current year, also to borrow money to renew, replace, or pay any existing loan, or any part thereof.

Art. 7. To see if the town will allow a discount on taxes if paid within certain periods, or act thereon.

Art. 8. To see what disposition the town will make of its dog fund, or act thereon.

Art. 9. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use the means for collecting the taxes which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

Art. 10. To see if the town will cause to be printed the reports of its officers or agents, or any part of the same.

Art. 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any money for State aid.

Art. 12. To see what sum of money (if any) the town will appropriate for Decoration Day.

Art. 13. To bring in their vote, "Yes" or "No," upon the question "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Art. 14. To see what action the town will take in regard to digging a well and having a pump put in Town Hall.

Art. 15. To see if the town will purchase a new hearse, or act thereon.

Art. 16. To see what action the town will take in relocating a part of the road leading from Asa R. Blodgett's to West Brimfield schoolhouse.

Art. 17. To see what action the town will take in letting the proposed hotel have access to its water supply.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town hall, one at the Centre postoffice and by mailing a copy to the postoffice at East Brimfield, and by mailing or otherwise sending a copy to Foskett's Mills, and the Depot at West Brimfield, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk of said Brimfield, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twelfth day of March, in the year one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-seven.

ARTHUR B. BROWN, } Selectmen
GEORGE W. SHERMAN, } of
 } Brimfield.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1898.



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Town Warrant.

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Art. 14. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chapter 304, Section 5, Acts of the year 1888, in relation to the election of Treasurer of public library.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to discontinue a town way in West Brimfield about four rods in length, running easterly from the easterly side of the Boston and Albany railroad at a point nearly opposite the brick house of F. F. Marcy to the main road leading to West Warren.

Art. 16. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chapter 254, Acts of 1897, in relation to the further protection of trees, and the prevention of fires in woodlands.

Art. 17. To see what action the town will take in regard to purchasing a new road machine.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town hall, one at the Centre postoffice and by mailing a copy to the postoffice at East Brimfield, and by mailing or otherwise sending a copy to Foskett's Mills, and the Depot at West Brimfield, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk of said Brimfield at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of March, in the year one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-eight.

ARTHUR B. BROWN,	} Selectmen of Brimfield.
GEO. W. SHERMAN,	

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

To the Citizens of Brimfield:

The Selectmen submit the following as their report and a statement of orders drawn on account of bills approved by the various officers and committees chosen by the town for the year ending March 1st, 1898.

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS FOR 1896-7.

Order No.

2.	Town of Palmer, one-half expense of repairing and painting King and West Brimfield bridges,	\$70 40	
15.	J. L. Chaffee, snow paths,	3 12	
15.	J. L. Chaffee, highways,	1 95	
45.	Est. N. S. Hubbard, Selectman,	28 82	
45.	Est. N. S. Hubbard, Registrar of Voters,	6 00	
45.	Est. N. S. Hubbard, Board of Health,	4 00	
270.	Elijah Allen, collecting tax, 1895,	40 00	
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			\$154 29

HIGHWAYS.

ORDERS DRAWN BY J. L. CHAFFEE,
SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

	Appropriation,		\$1500 00
Order No.			
15.	J. L. Chaffee,	\$14 45	
27.	J. L. Chaffee,	263 70	
31.	Geo. W. Sherman,	15 00	
46.	Geo. E. Allen, edges for scraper, etc.,	24 75	
60.	J. L. Chaffee,	302 50	
64.	J. L. Chaffee,	315 21	
73.	Geo. W. Sherman,	5 55	
117.	J. L. Chaffee,	78 74	
126.	J. L. Chaffee,	223 67	
149.	J. L. Chaffee,	150 13	

218.	J. L. Chaffee,	46	19	
219.	Chas. B. Blair, drain pipe,	4	95	
225.	J. L. Chaffee,	1	00	
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BRIDGES.

Appropriation,				\$300 00
Order No.				
29.	F. Edgar Brown, plank,	\$67	36	
32.	James Noyes, "	5	34	
73.	Geo. W. Sherman, "	5	33	
85.	Keefe Bros., "	37	13	
117.	J. L. Chaffee, labor, plank, etc.,	263	20	
124.	John Himes, labor,	6	40	
149.	J. L. Chaffee, plank,	38	98	
149.	J. L. Chaffee, "	18	84	
161.	H. L. Converse, nails,	1	93	
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SNOW.

Appropriation,				\$150 00
Order No.				
225.	J. L. Chaffee,	\$80	89	
233.	W. W. White,	4	40	
274.	W. W. White,	3	75	
275.	J. L. Chaffee,	41	50	
<hr/>				\$130 54

OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Appropriation,				\$500 00
Order No.				
SELECTMEN.				
278.	M. H. Baker,	Selectman,	\$ 34	00
282.	Geo. W. Sherman,	"	34	50
283.	Arthur B. Brown,	"	23	00
<hr/>				\$91 50

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

277.	Geo. M. Hitchcock,	\$ 2 00	
278.	M. H. Baker,	3 00	
282.	Geo. W. Sherman,	7 00	
283.	Arthur B. Brown,	2 00	
287.	M. H. Baker,	1 00	
288.	Oscar F. Brown,	6 00	
		<hr/>	\$21 00

ASSESSORS.

16.	C. C. Brown,	\$ 1 00	
76.	Geo. H. Streeter,	16 00	
132.	Geo. H. Streeter,	15 50	
141.	C. C. Brown,	36 00	
143.	Sanford Booth,	30 00	
162.	C. C. Brown,	1 00	
		<hr/>	\$99 50

TOWN CLERK.

277.	Geo. M. Hitchcock, one month,	\$ 1 66	
288.	Oscar F. Brown, eleven months,	18 33	
		<hr/>	\$19 99

TREASURER.

277.	Geo. M. Hitchcock, one month,	\$ 2 50	
288.	Oscar F. Brown, eleven months,	27 50	
		<hr/>	\$30 00

CONSTABLE.

62.	F. E. Cook,	\$ 2 50	\$2 50
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SEXTON.

277.	Geo. M. Hitchcock,	\$ 47 00	\$47 00
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BOARD OF HEALTH.

278.	M. H. Baker,	\$ 2 00	
282.	Geo. W. Sherman,	1 50	
283.	Arthur B. Brown,	1 00	
		<hr/>	\$4 50

TELLERS.

17.	F. Edgar Brown,	\$ 2 00	
18.	W. A. Janes,	2 00	
		<hr/>	\$4 00

COLLECTOR.

270.	Elijah Allen, collecting tax 1895,	\$ 60 00	\$60 00
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LIBRARIAN.

279.	O. F. Brown, as treasurer of public library,	\$ 68 75	\$68 75
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MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Appropriation,	\$700 00
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Order No.

4.	Wm. Merriam, aid to James W. Goss,	\$8 00
9.	C. A. Deland, returning birth,	25
25.	Henry R. Johnson, assessors' books,	4 05
26.	Wm. Merriam, aid to James W. Goss,	8 00
28.	Elijah Allen, janitor,	8 33
35.	Needham Moulton, janitor,	8 33
36.	Cecil T. Bagnall, town reports,	37 44
42.	Porter A. Parker, inspector,	35 00
43.	F. E. Gleason, surveyor,	2 00
44.	S. Wetherbee, bell rope,	98
47.	Wm. Merriam, aid to James W. Goss,	18 00
50.	O. E. Parker, services as comm.,	1 00
57.	Elijah Allen, janitor,	8 33
58.	Porter A. Parker, inspector,	20 00
70.	Elijah Allen, janitor,	8 33
92.	W. L. Daniels, labor on common,	6 90
94.	Wm. Merriam, aid to James W. Goss,	10 00
98.	L. H. Hendee, professional services for Lyman Needham,	8 50

102.	Elijah Allen, janitor,	8 33
103.	Porter Plympton, board for Lyman Needham,	9 00
104.	Geo. E. Hitchcock, goods for Lyman Needham,	4 33
106.	Wm. Merriam, aid to James W. Goss,	8 00
107.	Wm. Merriam, aid to James W. Goss,	8 00
108.	F. E. Cook, aid towards the burial of Silas G. Griffin,	3 00
110.	M. H. Corbin, teller,	2 00
112.	Elijah Allen, janitor,	8 33
113.	F. E. Cook, mowing monument grounds,	50
119.	F. Austin Jennison, mowing cemetery,	19 00
122.	Henry R. Johnson, tax book,	90
128.	Elijah Allen, janitor,	8 33
141.	C. C. Brown, postage for assessors,	38
144.	A. W. Pierson, oil, etc.,	88
152.	Elijah Allen, janitor,	8 33
153.	Wm. Merriam, aid to James W. Goss,	10 00
155.	F. Austin Jennison, mowing cemetery,	10 00
156.	A. W. Allder, type writing franchise,	1 00
158.	John W. Brown, fire warden,	33 90
159.	M. H. Baker, bill paid per order of fire warden,	22 85
161.	H. L. Converse, oil, etc.,	2 30
162.	C. C. Brown, teller,	2 00
173.	Orrin Hicks, police officer,	2 00
188.	John W. Brown, fire warden,	2 00
190.	Wm. Merriam, aid to James W. Goss,	16 00
193.	Elijah Allen, janitor and tax bills,	9 68
194.	B. L. Bragg & Co., fire pails,	4 00
212.	Town of Wales, tax,	3 38
213.	Wm. Merriam, aid to Jas. W. Goss,	10 00
214.	Charles E. Bacon, officers' fees,	4 80
221.	Elijah Allen, janitor,	8 33

230.	R. V. Sawin, returning births,	2 00	
232.	Wm. Merriam, aid to Jas. W. Goss,	8 00	
234.	Elijah Allen, janitor,	8 33	
236.	John W. Brown, fire warden,	10 65	
237.	F. E. Gleason, surveyor,	3 50	
267.	Geo. E. Hitchcock, oil,	60	
268.	L. H. Hendee, returning births,	50	
269.	Wm. Merriam, aid to James W. Goss,	8 00	
270.	Elijah Allen, janitor,	8 33	
271.	Charles S. Tarbell, teller,	3 00	
272.	H. E. Northrop, officers' fees,	41 99	
276.	Porter A. Parker, inspector,	51 15	
277.	Geo. M. Hitchcock, returning deaths, labor, postage, express, etc.,	16 78	
278.	M. H. Baker, services as committee, etc.,	3 50	
279.	Oscar F. Brown, amount of dog fund appropriated by town,	157 79	
282.	Geo. W. Sherman, services as committee and legal advice,	3 00	
283.	Arthur B. Brown, express, postage, etc.	2 35	
288.	Oscar F. Brown, postage, express,	9 29	
		<hr/>	\$763 75

STATE AID.

State aid paid under Chap. 301, Acts of 1889, and which the State repays.

Appropriation by town, \$50 00

PAYMENTS FOR STATE AID.

F. E. Cook,	\$48 00
Alonzo Allen,	48 00
Mary A. Brownell,	48 00
Olive M. Groves,	48 00
Margaret H. Marsh,	48 00
Alnia E. Sibley,	48 00

Dennis Smith,	48 00	
Elvira Carder,	48 00	
Clara Newport,	48 00	
Laura M. Moulton,	48 00	
Levi W. Emerson,	48 00	
Harriet A. Foskett,	48 00	
Horace M. Gardner,	36 00	
Cheney Newton,	12 00	
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Aid to Margaret Pierce at the North-		
ampton hospital,	\$115 13	
Reimbursed by her guardian,		\$115 13

Order No.

97. Edward Bliss, as agent for the
burial of deceased, indigent
or friendless soldiers and sailors, 25 00
Reimbursed by the State.

MEMORIAL FUND.

Order No.

22. Geo. M. Hitchcock, to deposit
appropriation for Memorial
Day in Savings Bank, \$50 00
130. Oscar F. Brown, to deposit
appropriation for Memorial
Day in Savings Bank, 50 00
196. Flynt Granite Co., for building
the so called Haley road, 900 00
Reimbursed by county commis'rs, 200 00
224. Geo. M. Hitchcock, to labor and
expenses on cemetery lot of
U. J. Shaw, 6 00
Paid from fund left the town.
224. Geo. M. Hitchcock, to labor and
expenses on cemetery lot of
N. M. Goodale, 6 00
Paid from fund left the town.

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Order No.

148. County tax, \$583 34
217. State tax, 297 50

TOWN DEBT AND INTEREST.

Appropriation,		\$125 00
Order No.		
55.	Palmer Savings Bank, interest,	\$56 25
189.	Palmer Savings Bank, interest,	56 25
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		\$112 50

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

Orders drawn on bills as approved by the Overseers of the Poor for 1897-1898,	\$2239 01
For itemized account see report of over- seers of the poor.	

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Orders drawn on bills as approved by school committee,	\$2858 98
For itemized account see report of school committee.	

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Orders drawn on bills approved by school committee,	\$102 53
For itemized account see report of school committee.	

GEO. W. SHERMAN,

Chairman Selectmen of Brimfield.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1898, AS RE-
COMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE
APPOINTED APRIL 5TH, 1897.

For repairs of highways,	\$1500 00
" Bridges and to pay deficiencies,	500 00
Snow paths,	150 00
Schools, wages of teachers, fuel and care of schoolhouses,	1450 00
Conveyance of pupils,	100 00
Text books and supplies,	150 00
Repair of schoolhouses,	150 00
Salary of superintendent of schools,	225 00
Services of school committee,	50 00
Public library, dog fund also,	75 00
Support of paupers,	1000 00
Officers' salaries,	500 00
Miscellaneous purposes,	700 00
Town debt and interest,	125 00
Memorial day,	50 00

GUIDE BOARDS.

The Superintendent of Streets hereby presents the required report of guard boards maintained by the town the past year :

The total number is twenty-six and located as follows :

Two at east end of common, one to Palmer, one to Warren.

One at junction of roads near house of Geo. H. Streeter.

One at junction of roads near house of Andrew Stone.

One at junction of roads near schoolhouse No. 6.

Two at fork of roads near house of W. W. White.

Four at junction of roads near house of Chester Scarborough.

One at fork of roads near barn of J. C. Spring.

One at fork of roads near house of Daniel Haynes.

One at fork of roads near bridge leading to Holland.

One at fork of roads near house of Porter A. Parker.

One at junction of roads near house of John F. Converse.

One on Warren road near house of Geo. Whitehouse, leading to Warren.

Two at junction of roads near house of Wilbur G. Parker.

One at junction of roads near house of Geo. F. Holdridge.

One at fork of roads west of house of Edward B. Brown.

One at fork of roads near barn of Wm. Stearns.

One at fork of roads near house of John W. Lawrence.

One at junction of roads near house of C. C. Brown.

One at Warren road leading to Henry Adams.

JOHN L. CHAFFEE, JR.,

Street Superintendent.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor for the year ending March 1st, 1898.

ORDERS PAID BY THE TOWN TREASURER FOR ALMSHOUSE, FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1898.

Order No.

1.	J. A. McKinstry, balance services as warden,	\$35 42
1.	J. A. McKinstry, for goods furnished,	11 66
21.	George E. Hitchcock, for groceries,	24 32
30.	A. H. W. Stimson, to pay bills at almshouse,	50 00
34.	Samuel H. Adams, goods for almshouse,	2 44
49.	Dr. R. V. Sawin, professional services and medicine,	31 25
49.	Dr. R. V. Sawin, professional services for Minnie E. Dunham,	14 00
50.	Orus E. Parker, services overseer of poor,	5 00
100.	A. H. W. Stimson, services as warden,	87 50
101.	Geo. E. Hitchcock, groceries, etc.,	16 72
111.	H. L. Converse, groceries, etc.,	6 99
115.	Geo. E. Hitchcock, groceries, etc.,	14 60
127.	A. H. W. Stimson, services as warden,	87 50
127.	A. H. W. Stimson, to pay bills at almshouse,	50 00
138.	A. F. Fisher, for plumbing,	13 75
140.	C. A. Brown & Co., for goods,	4 35
142.	H. L. Converse, groceries,	8 47
144.	A. W. Pierson, groceries,	27 33
146.	W. H. Williams, 1 pair gray horses,	155 00
160.	H. L. Converse, groceries,	18 10
163.	Dr. R. V. Sawin, professional services and medicine,	22 65
164.	H. G. Loomis, casket, box and robe for Meserve,	19 00
166.	A. M. Baggs, for 10 cows,	350 00
168.	S. H. Adams, time and expenses buying horses,	5 00
208.	H. L. Converse, groceries,	31 76
209.	H. G. Loomis, casket, box and robe for Mrs. Nichols,	18 50
220.	George E. Hitchcock, groceries, etc.,	9 12

227.	New England Merchandise Co., 1 pr. work harness,	35 25
228.	A. H. W. Stimson, services as warden,	87 50
262.	Dr. R. V. Sawin, professional services and medicine,	7 25
265.	Mary A. Flint, for labor,	60 68
267.	Geo. E. Hitchcock, groceries, etc.,	2 18
280.	F. E. Cook, services as overseer of the poor,	17 00
284.	H. L. Converse, groceries, etc.,	47 86
285.	S. H. Adams, services and expenses overseer of the poor,	26 00
286.	John Haley, services and expenses overseer of the poor,	19 50
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		\$1423 65

ORDERS PAID BY TOWN TREASURER FOR OUTSIDE POOR FOR THE YEAR ENDING
MARCH 1, 1898.

Order No.

8.	O. T. McCrillis, aid to Eugene McCrillis,	\$ 6 64
10.	City of Brockton, aid to Dearth family,	7 30
20.	Geo. E. Hitchcock, aid to Charles Adams,	1 00
20.	Geo E. Hitchcock, aid to Miller,	81
21.	Geo. E. Hitchcock, aid to Miller,	1 12
21.	Geo. E. Hitchcock, aid to J. A. Elliott,	92
23.	O. T. McCrillis, aid to Eugene McCrillis,	6 43
34.	S. H. Adams, services and expenses Minnie E. Dunham case,	11 65
39.	F. E. Cook, services and expenses Minnie E. Dunham Case,	10 00
49.	Dr. R. V. Sawin, professional services to J. A. Elliott,	1 50
50.	Orus E. Parker, services as overseer of the poor,	1 50
56.	O. T. McCrillis, aid to Eugene McCrillis,	6 64
67.	G. N. Stone, for rent,	8 00
88.	Town of Athol, aid to Minnie E. Dunham,	5 00
93.	O. T. McCrillis, aid to Eugene McCrillis,	6 43
105.	Studley & Miller, fees, Minnie E. Dunham case,	17 76
109.	O. T. McCrillis, aid to Eugene McCrillis,	6 64
113.	F. E. Cook, time and expenses to Gardner, Whitcomb case,	8 00

121.	O. T. McCrillis, aid to Eugene McCrillis,	6 64
133.	O. T. McCrillis, aid to Eugene McCrillis,	6 43
157.	G. N. Stone, for rent,	8 00
163.	Dr. R. V. Sawin, professional services and medicine for Mabel Works,	26 50
165.	O. T. McCrillis, aid to Eugene McCrillis,	6 64
168.	S. H. Adams, services and expenses,	12 00
191.	Oscar F. Brown, services and expenses Isaac Smith case,	6 50
195.	Fred M. Royce, clothing for Mabel Works,	3 15
204.	City of Brockton, aid to Dearth family,	9 57
206.	O. T. McCrillis, aid to Eugene McCrillis,	13 07
207.	Dr. R. V. Sawin, professional services for Joseph Miner, (State pauper,)	32 50
208.	H. L. Converse, goods for Mabel Works,	50
208.	H. L. Converse, goods for Miner,	1 25
220.	Geo. E. Hitchcock, goods for Fred Miner,	12 81
229.	O. T. McCrillis, aid to Eugene McCrillis,	6 64
263.	O. T. McCrillis, aid to Eugene McCrillis,	6 00
264.	G. N. Stone, for rent,	8 00
266.	Geo. R. Shaw, aid to Alice Sherman,	12 00
267.	Geo. E. Hitchcock, goods for Fred Miner,	12 25
267.	Geo. E. Hitchcock, goods for Miller,	17 89
280.	F. E. Cook, services and expenses overseer of poor,	12 50
280.	F. E. Cook, cash paid for goods,	6 50
281.	Geo. R. Shaw, aid to Alice Sherman,	8 00
286.	John Haley, services and expenses overseer of poor,	11 00
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		\$353 68

ORDERS PAID BY TOWN TREASURER FOR BILLS CHARGED TO OVERSEERS' ACCOUNT, 1896.

Order No.		
1.	J. A. McKinstry, bills paid,	\$87 68
14.	Geo. L. Agard, services as ap- praiser,	1 50
19.	M. H. Baker, services as appraiser,	2 00
34.	S. H. Adams, services as overseer of poor,	15 00
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		\$106 18

ORDERS PAID BY TOWN TREASURER FOR INSURANCE ON ALMSHOUSE PROPERTY, 1897.

Order No.

99.	Frank A. Smith, insurance on almshouse barn,	\$36 00	
215.	Frank A. Smith, insurance on live stock, hay, grain, etc.,	20 00	
		<hr/>	\$56 00

ORDERS PAID BY TOWN TREASURER FOR PAINTING BUILDINGS AND REPAIRS ON HOUSE, 1897.

Order No.

51.	S. Wetherbee, bill for lead, oil, etc.,	\$45 07	
71.	H. W. Needham, labor painting,	63 00	
95.	H. W. Needham, labor painting,	55 60	
100.	A. H. W. Stimson, for labor and material,	51 45	
140.	C. A. Brown & Co., for lead, oil, etc.,	47 35	
205.	A. H. W. Stimson, for repairs on house,	37 03	
		<hr/>	\$299 50

Total amount of orders paid by Town Treasurer for the year end- ing March 1st, 1898,	\$2239 01
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OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF BRIMFIELD.

DR.

March 1, 1897,

To Farm as appraised,	\$4000 00	
" Neat stock,	383 00	
" Hay and grain,	267 15	
" Farming tools, wood, etc.,	376 60	
" Provisions,	92 51	
" Household furniture,	297 80	
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" Orders paid by treasurer for alms- house,	\$1423 65	
" Orders paid by treasurer for outside poor,	353 68	
Bills paid by warden, by products of farm,	526 46	
Bills paid by warden, by cash received for labor,	58 85	
Due warden, two months' salary,	58 34	
Due city of Brockton, estimated,	10 00	
Due warden, cash advanced to pay bills,	132 70	
	<hr/>	\$2563 68
Total Dr. account,		<hr/> \$7980 74

INVENTORY, MARCH 1, 1898.

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By farm as appraised,		\$4000 00
1 pr. gray horses,	\$225 00	
10 York State cows,	425 00	
8 cows,	240 00	
1 cow,	10 00	
3 yearlings,	40 00	
1 bull,	22 00	
10 young fattening calves,	40 00	
36 fowls,	18 00	
5 swine,	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$1070 00

HAY AND GRAIN.

By 12 tons English hay,	\$144 00	
11 tons meadow hay,	50 00	
2 tons corn fodder,	12 00	
26 bushels rye,	20 80	
300 bushels corn,	105 00	
200 lbs. meal,	1 70	
100 lbs. bran,	90	
Cow salt,	1 00	
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By harness, wagons, sleds, etc.,	\$251 00	
6442 ft. lumber,	79 70	
Farming tools, etc.,	172 50	
Ice in house,	20 00	
71 1/2 cords of wood,	242 75	
Provisions, etc.,	120 42	
Dairy utensils,	21 10	
Household furniture,	134 99	
	<hr/>	\$1042 46
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		\$6447 86

By due from State, aid to Joseph Miner,	\$50 75	
Due from town of Stirbridge,	12 81	
Due from City of New Bedford,	17 89	
Due from town for board of Isaac Smith,	42 00	
Due from John Comfort,	5 00	
Received for farm products,	526 46	
Received from labor of warden outside,	58 85	
Cash paid to town treasurer for horses sold,	20 00	
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Total credit account,		\$7181 62

Inventory almshouse property 1897,	\$5417 06	
" " " 1898,	6447 86	
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Gain on valuation,		\$1030 80

Total Dr. account,	\$7980 75
Total Cr. account,	7181 62

Balance, the amount it has cost to support the poor,		\$799 12
From this amount,	\$799 12	
Deduct cost of outside poor,	353 68	

Balance, the cost of poor at almshouse, \$445 44

Average number at almshouse, 10 15-26.

Number of weeks' board of inmates, 550

Number of tramps 730, estimated at $\frac{3}{4}$ day each, 78 weeks.

Total number of weeks' board furnished, 628

Cost of each weeks' board, 70 9-10 cts.

FARM PRODUCTS FOR 1897.

25 tons English hay,	3 bushels onions,
20 " meadow hay,	10 " parsnips,
2 " mowed oats,	16 " carrots,
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " hungarian,	200 " turnips,
10 " cornfodder,	5 " peas,
7 " rowen,	7 " beans,
1 " rye straw,	114 " potatoes,
2 " green corn fodder,	171 lbs. butter,
16 bushels rye,	258 doz. eggs,
3 " pop-corn,	1550 lbs. pork,
6 " sweet corn.	

Received for veal sold,	\$163 60
Received for cream sold,	177 34

F. E. COOK,	} Overseers of Poor.
S. H. ADAMS,	
J. HALEY,	

Assessors' Report, 1897.

NUMBER OF RESIDENTS ASSESSED ON PROPERTY.

Individuals,	222
All others,	25
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Total,	247

NUMBER OF NON-RESIDENTS ON PROPERTY.

Individuals,	78
All others,	13
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Total,	91

Number of persons assessed on property,	338
Number of persons assessed for poll tax only,	92
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Total,	430

Number of polls assessed, 269

Tax on polls, \$2.00.

Value of assessed personal estate,	\$51,246 00
Value of buildings, excluding land,	\$158,717 00
Value of land, excluding buildings,	187,441 00
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Total real, \$346,158 00

Total valuation of real and personal, \$397,404 00

Tax on polls,	\$ 538 00
Tax on personal,	890 70
Tax on real,	5979 24
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Total,	\$7407 94

Rate per \$1000.00, \$17.25.

Number of horses assessed,	290
" " cows "	762
" " sheep "	103
" " neat cattle other than cows, assessed,	271
" " swine assessed,	93
" " dwelling houses, assessed,	222
" " acres of land "	20,960

APPROPRIATION FOR 1897.

For highways,	\$1500 00
Bridges,	300 00
Schools, wages of teachers, fuel and care of schoolhouses,	1450 00
Salary of school superintendent,	225 00
Repairs of schoolhouses,	100 00
Services of school committee,	50 00
Snow paths,	150 00
Support of paupers,	1200 00
Officers' salaries, including salary of librarian,	500 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	700 00
Interest on town debt,	125 00
State aid,	50 00
Memorial day,	50 00
Total,	<hr/> \$6400 00

State tax,	\$297 50
County tax,	583 34
Overlayings,	127 10
Special warrant for poll tax,	2 00

Total amount raised by taxation,	<hr/> \$7409 94
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SANFORD BOOTH,	} Assessors of Brimfield,
GEO. H. STREETER,	
CHARLES C. BROWN,	

Collectors' Report.

A. G. TARBELL, COLLECTOR FOR 1892.

1898.

March 7. To bal. of tax uncollected, \$91 06

Signed,

ALBERT G. TARBELL.

ELIJAH ALLEN, COLLECTOR FOR 1896-7.

1898.

March 7. To bal. of tax of 1896 un-
collected, \$341 82

" " To bal. of tax of 1897 un-
collected, 2084 80

Total uncollected, \$2426 62

Signed,

ELIJAH ALLEN, Collector.

Treasurer's Report.

OSCAR F. BROWN, IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN
OF BRIMFIELD.

DR.

1897.

April 5.	To received of G. M. Hitchcock, former treasurer, balance of his settlement, \$3912 76	
April 13.	To received of F. E. Cook, in settlement of Minnie E. Dunham case,	123 50
April 15.	To received of L. M. Blodgett, for lot in cemetery,	5 00
May 3.	To received of John C. Spring, license to slaughter cattle,	1 00
May 18.	To received of E. P. Shaw, treas. commonwealth, for support of State paupers,	117 83
	For burial of State paupers	15 00
	For compensation inspector of animals,	60 25
May 25.	To received of Hitchcock Bros., for license to slaughter cattle,	1 00
June 12.	To received for two town histories,	5 00
June 19.	To received of William L. Ricketts, amount due from state, on account of supt. of schools,	375 00

Aug.	2.	To received of G. W. Sherman for old bell rope,	25
Aug	26.	To received from town of Wales, for aid to F. S. Gardner,	16 50
Sept.	11.	To received of James O'Neil, for old brick,	1 25
Sept.	21.	To received of town of Gardner, for aid furnished Mrs. Whitcomb,	36 50
Oct.	6.	To received of overseers of poor, for horses sold,	20 00
Oct.	29.	To received of Eastern Hampden district court balance of fines due town,	81 94
Nov.	3.	To received of Mrs. David Leno, for cemetery lot,	6 00
Nov.	9.	To received of G. M. Hitchcock, for town history,	2 50
Nov.	16.	To received of Melvin Booth, for old bridge timber,	1 00
1897.			
Nov.	23.	To received of Elijah Allen, tax collector, balance received from sale of Bruce place over and above taxes,	5 81
Dec.	1.	To received of G. M. Hitchcock, for town history (imperfect,)	1 50
Dec.	6.	To received of L. M. Blodgett, for cemetery lot,	5 00
Dec.	6.	To received of Flint Granite Co., for rent of road machine,	10 00

Dec.	13.	To received of E. P. Shaw, treasurer of the Common- wealth, corporation tax,	107 11
		To received of E. P. Shaw, treasurer of the Common- wealth, National Bank tax,	85 66
		To received of E. P. Shaw, treasurer of the Common- wealth, Military aid reim- bursed for 1896,	4 00
		To received of E. P. Shaw, treasurer of the Common- wealth, State aid reim- bursed for 1896,	529 00
		To received of E. P. Shaw, treasurer of the Common- wealth, burial of soldiers reimbursed,	70 00
Dec.	24.	To received of Chas. S. Tar- bell, guardian, for board of Margaret W. Pierce,	72 42
Dec.	24.	To received of town of Mon- son for support of Isaac Smith,	42 50
Dec.	30.	To received of M. Wells Bridge, treasurer, on ac- count of award of county commissioners for con- struction of Haley road,	200 00
1898.			
Jan.	26.	To received of E. P. Shaw, treasurer, town's propor- tion of income of Mass. school fund,	495 02
Jan.	29.	To received of M. Wells Bridge, treasurer, town's proportion of 1897 dog fund,	159 10

March 7.	To received of Geo. E. Hitchcock for old brick,	2 00	
March 7.	To received of Springfield Institution for Savings on account of U. J. Shaw, cemetery fund,	6 00	
	To received of Springfield Institution for Savings on account of N. M. Goodale cemetery fund,	6 00	
1898.			
March 7.	To received of Palmer National Bank, interest on deposits from April 16, '97, to March 1st, 1898,	48 59	
March 7.	To received of Brimfield Grange No. 65, for rent of town hall and selectmen's room,	24 00	
March 7.	To received of Chas S. Tarbell, guardian for board of Margaret W. Pierce,	42 71	
	To received of Elijah Allen, for rent of town hall,	15 00	
	To received of Elijah Allen, on tax of 1895,	150 96	
	To received of Elijah Allen, interest on tax of 1895,	57 17	
	To received of Elijah Allen, on tax of 1896,	1433 79	
	To received of Elijah Allen, on tax of 1897,	5323 14	
	Total,		\$13678 76

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By paid orders as follows :

For repairs of highways,	\$1447	79	
Repairs of bridges,	514	91	
Snow paths,	133	66	
Support of schools,	2858	98	
Repair of schoolhouses,	102	53	
Support of paupers,	2239	01	
Officers' salaries,	487	56	
Debt and interest,	112	50	
Miscellaneous expenses,	858	30	
State aid,	624	00	
Library appropriation,	157	79	
Haley road,	900	00	
County tax,	583	13	
State tax,	297	50	
Balance cash in hands of			
treasurer,	2361	10	
			\$13678 76

We, having examined the above report, find it correct.

EDW. BLISS,
CHAS. S. TARBELL, } Auditors.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

1897.

ASSETS.

March 7.	Cash in hands of treasurer,	\$2361 10	.
	Due from State, one-half ex-		
	pense of cattle inspector,	53 08	
	For State aid,	624 00	
	For school superintendent,	225 00	
	Balance of tax, 1892,	91 06	
	" " " 1896,	341 82	
	" " " 1897,	2084 80	
	From State on account of		
	Joseph Miner,	50 75	
	From Sturbridge, on account		
	of Fred Miner,	12 81	
	R. V. Sawin, road soil,	15 00	
		<hr/>	\$5859 42

LIABILITIES.

	Due Palmer Savings Bank,	\$2514 06	
	" A. H. W. Stimson,	191 04	
	" City of Brockton, est.,	10 00	
	Outstanding bills,	25 00	
	Balance of assets over liabilities,	3119 32	
		<hr/>	\$5859 42

HARRIET ALLEN FUND.

Deposit in Springfield Institution for Savings, principal and interest to January 1, 1898,	\$285 12
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MEMORIAL FUND.

Deposit in Springfield Institution for Savings, principal and interest to January 1, 1898,	\$327 08
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N. M. GOODALE FUND.

Deposit in Springfield Institution for Savings, principal and interest to January 1, 1897,	\$56 66
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M. W. WHEELER FUND.

Deposit in Springfield Institution for Savings, principal and interest to January 1, 1898,	\$53 56
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U. J. SHAW FUND.

Deposit in Springfield Institution for Savings, principal and interest to January 1, 1898,	\$208 36
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Report of Town Clerk.

INSURANCE ON TOWN PROPERTY.

EXPIRES.	NAME OF COMPANY.	PROPERTY.	AMOUNT.	
Oct. 17, 1898	Royal of Liverpool	Town House	\$1,650	
Oct. 17, 1898	Royal of Liverpool	Furniture, etc.	850	
Oct. 17, 1898	Hartford	Town House	1,650	
Oct. 17, 1898	Hartford	Furniture, etc.	850	
Mar. 22, 1899	Ins. Co. of North America	Town House	2,000	
				\$7,000
Jan. 20, 1901	Ætna of Hartford	Public Library		\$2,000
April 25, 1899	Quincy Mutual	Almshouse	\$1,700	
Feb. 1, 1900	Ætna of Hartford	Almshouse	700	
Feb. 1, 1900	Ætna of Hartford	Furniture	400	
Feb. 1, 1900	Ætna of Hartford	Ice House	100	
July 15, 1900	Ætna of Hartford	Almshouse Barn,	1,800	
Dec. 1, 1900	Conn. of Hartford	Hog House	100	
Dec. 1, 1900	Conn. of Hartford	Hay, grain and tools	400	
Dec. 1, 1900	Conn. of Hartford	Live Stock	500	
				\$5,700
Dec. 1, 1901	Ætna of Hartford	School house, No. 1	\$2,700	
Aug. 8, 1899	Ætna of Hartford	School house, No. 2	1,000	
				\$3,700
				\$18,400

BIRTHS RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1897.

DATE OF BIRTH.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Jan 9,	Paul R. Bedell,	M.,	Walter E. and Edith M. Bedell.
Jan. 19,	John E. S. Adams,	M.,	Samuel H. and Augusta C. Adams.
Mar. 17,	Minnie St. George,	F.,	Joseph and Minnie St. George.
Mar. 17,	Fredrick L. Converse,	M.,	John F. and Lizzie L. Converse.
Apr. 16,	George H. Sibley,	M.,	George E. and Jennie S. Sibley.
Apr. 21,	Arthur F. Dunham,	M.,	Minnie E. Dunham.
July 3,	Marie M. L. Cordrain,	F.,	Joseph and Alphonsene Cordrain.
July 13,	—— Lafflamme,	F.,	Octave and Melvina Lafflamme.
Aug. 29,	Paul L. Earle,	M.,	Fred E. and Emma E. Earle.
Sept. 15,	George F. St. George,	M.,	John and Alice St. George.
Oct. 3,	Marion G. Irvin,	F.,	Harry W. and Anna E. Irvin.
Nov. 2,	Lillie M. Prue,	F.,	Peter and Cora Prue,
Nov. 20,	—— Connoghon,	F.,	John and Mary Ann Connoghon.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD, 1897.

DATE.	BRIDEGROOM.	RESIDENCE.	BRIDE.	RESIDENCE.
Jan. 1,	Walter W. George,	Palmer,	Gertrude C. Jones,	Warren.
Mar. 17,	Nathan H. Powers,	Brimfield,	Della L. Blodgett,	Palmer.
Mar. 31,	Lorin S. Bowen,	Brookfield,	Ida E. Butler,	Palmer.
April 19,	William Marsel,	Brimfield,	Louisa Laflamme,	Sturbridge.
April 28,	Oliver J. Plimpton	Brimfield,	Matilda Green,	Brimfield.
June 5,	Henry Adams,	Brimfield,	Lizzie O'Connor,	Brimfield.
June 9,	John Verinat,	Ludlow,	Ida O. St. George,	Brimfield.
Sept. 22,	George A. Furness,	Vermont,	Ida R. Agard,	Brimfield.
Oct. 5,	D. Winslow Foskett,	Brimfield,	Almira G. Moore,	Brimfield.
Oct. 13,	Nathan F. Bradley,	Wales,	Malora A. Booth,	Brimfield.
Nov. 7,	Franklin A. Holdridge,	Brimfield,	Clara E. Allen,	Brimfield.
Dec. 18,	Joseph E. Flint,	Brimfield,	Mary A. Bloomer,	Brimfield.
Dec. 22,	Morton C. Smith,	Southbridge,	Carrie M. Groves,	Brimfield.

DEATHS RECORDED IN BRIMFIELD IN 1897.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	AGE. YRS. MOS. DAYS.		
Jan. 13,	Otis B. Hill,	Heart disease,	66		
Feb. 8,	Orson Holdridge,	Apoplexy,	93	11	16
Feb. 23,	Marcus Hitchcock,	Paralysis,	88	2	28
Mar. 6,	Segea C. J. Friberg,	Marasmus,		7	26
Mar. 8,	Ruth C. Moon,	La Grippe,	85	1	17
Mar. 12,	Lydia Howard,	Anaemia,	79	10	2
Mar. 9,	Lucy R. Foster,	Paralysis,	68	11	23
Mar. 18,	Rev. Webster K. Pierce,	Typhus Pneumonia,	55		
Mar. 18,	Ann H. Brown,	Paralysis,	84	5	14
Mar. 22,	Ida May Booth,	Consumption,	15	10	11
Apr. 2,	Lucella Stacey,	Pneumonia,	62	7	28
Apr. 22,	Hancy E. Foskett,	Apoplexy,	82	7	5
Apr. 26,	Horace Merritt,	Congestion of Brain,	67	2	
June 10,	Silas G. Giffin,	Paralysis of Heart,	71	11	27
June 14,	Mary Cadarett,	Pneumonia,	68		
July 3,	William A. Janes,	Pulmonary Hemorrhage,	39	0	20
Sept. 2,	Charlotte E. Smith,	Dysentery,	56	10	16
Oct. 15,	Thomas Benoit,	Marasmus,	0	6	15
Oct. 20,	Hugh McIntire,	Consumption,	70		
Oct. 23,	William J. S. Meserve,	Rupture Prostatic Gland,	28	2	27
Nov. 6,	Delight Nichols,	General Debility,	87		

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

Town of Brimfield, Mass.

1897-8.

Appropriation available for the use of		
school departments,	\$1450	00
Appropriation for Superintendent's salary,	225	00
" " school committee's salary,	50	00
" " conveyance of pupils,	60	00
" " text books and supplies,	150	00
" " schoolhouse repairs,	100	00
Income from State school fund,	495	02
" " State Treasurer on account		
superintendent,	150	00
" " State for supervision,	225	00
Balance unexpended, 1896-7,	544	55
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Total,		\$3449 57

EXPENDED FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1898.

For the school department, including		
salaries of teachers, janitors		
and fuel,	\$2136	24
Salary of superintendent,	450	00
Conveyance of pupils,	57	75
Text books and supplies,	124	69
Repairs of schoolhouses,	102	53
Miscellaneous bills for 1896-7,	58	50
School committee,	34	30
Truant officer,	2	00
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		\$2966 01
Balance unexpended,		483 56

NO. OF ORDER.	NO. OF SDHOOOL.	NAME OF TEACHERS.	WAGES OF SPRING TERM.	WAGES OF WINTER TERM.	WAGES OF FALL TERM.	WAGES OF JANITOR.	COST OF FUEL.	TOTAL COST OF EACH SCHOOL.
66, 176, 245.	1.	Margaret Locke,	\$90 00	\$88 00	\$96 00		\$37 88	\$311 88
74, 175, 244.	1.	Nellie Haley,	84 00	77 00	90 00	\$14 35		265 35
89, 169, 240.	2.	Minnie J. Corbin,	101 50	75 00	96 00	7 80	30 00	310 30
78, 170.	3.	Ruth Brown,	78 00	71 50			11 00	240 10
242.	3.	Ida M. Davenport,			72 00	7 60		
86, 172, 238.	5.	Addie S. Horton,	84 00	77 00	84 00	10 11	9 00	264 11
69.	7.	Rose Streeter,	84 00				21 00	
174.	7.	Ida M. Davenport,		66 00		8 50		251 50
241.	7.	Katie Haley,			72 00			
77, 171, 239.	8.	Ida M. Greene,	72 00	68 00	78 00	6 00	11 00	235 00
63.	10.	Ethel H. Ely,	84 00			9 00		
154, 177.	10.	Katie Haley,		72 00			21 00	
243.	10.	Jennie Pinney,			72 00			258 00
			\$677 50	\$594 50	\$660 00	\$63 36	\$140 88	\$2136 24

Appropriated for Supt., \$225.

State aid for supervision, \$225. Paid Truant Officer, F. E. Cook, \$2.

Paid Supt. C. Wood Jackson, \$450.

PAID MISCELLANEOUS BILLS OF 1896-7.

Order No.

45.	Est. N. S. Hubbard, services school committee,	\$14 00
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CONVEYANCE.

3.	J. L. Stanton,	5 00	
11.	M. H. Corbin,	11 25	
12.	A. A. Stacy,	3 75	
13.	D. P. Hubert,	12 00	
65.	Albert Peterson,	5 00	
33.	Homer B. Lumbard, janitor,	2 50	
68.	Jennie M. Powers, cleaning No. 10,	5 00	
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

	Appropriation for services of school committee,	\$50 00
167.	J. Reed Brown,	\$10 30
260.	O. E. Parker,	5 00
261.	J. Reed Brown,	7 00
262.	R. V. Sawin,	12 00
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		\$34 30

CONVEYANCE.

	Appropriation for 1897-8,	\$60 00
80.	J. L. Stanton,	6 00
84.	M. H. Corbin,	13 50
179.	J. L. Stanton,	2 75
180.	M. H. Corbin,	5 50
246.	W. E. Griffin,	6 00
247.	Albert Peterson,	6 00
248.	Joseph Gregoire,	10 00
250.	M. H. Corbin,	5 00
251.	J. L. Stanton,	3 00
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		\$57 75

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Appropriation for text books and supplies, \$150 00
 Expended :

Order No.		
5.	Leach, Sherwell & Sanborn,	\$13 83
6.	Springfield News company,	6 05
53.	" " "	5 30
75.	The J. L. Hammett company,	10 00
79.	Ginn & Co.,	30 90
116.	Milton Bradley company,	1 39
118.	Leach, Sherwell & Sanborn,	1 67
123.	O. D. Case,	4 35
135.	Houghton, Mifflin Co.,	3 11
136.	Leach, Sherwell & Sanborn,	8 12
137.	Ginn & Co.,	2 00
180.	J. L. Hammett & Co.,	3 00
185.	Edw. B. Babb,	1 80
222.	Ginn & Co.,	6 50
223.	A. H. Bartlett,	3 16
256.	Leach, Sherwell Co.,	2 40
257.	F. E. Cady,	85
258.	Edw. E. Babb,	11 49
261.	J. Reed Brown,	8 77
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		\$124 69

REPAIRS.

Appropriation for repairs, 100 00
 Expended :

Order No.		
24.	E. Switzer, lumber No. 8.	\$37 13
52.	T. C. Blashfield, repairs No. 8,	9 25
59.	John Hymes, " " "	6 60
81.	Cheney Newton, carting " " "	2 75
129.	J. L. Stanton, repairs, " 5,	6 50
131.	O. E. Parker, " " "	4 95
134.	H. E. Benson, " 8,	4 00
145.	E. M. Switzer, lumber, " 5,	5 84
167.	J. R. Brown, " "	13 71
186.	H. S. Booth, " 7,	3 20
187.	W. E. Bedell, " 1,	5 62
198.	Chester Scarborough, " 2,	75
261.	J. R. Brown,	2 23
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		\$102 53

The above financial report shows a balance of \$483.56 unexpended, about \$60 less than the year preceding. Our expenses have been \$424.23 more than '96 and '97.

We think it best for our Superintendent to train our own teachers, taking them from the Academy, commencing with small salary and increasing it as they improve in their work. We have increased the salary of most of the teachers during the year, but do not now pay as much for the same work as most of the surrounding towns.

We exceeded the appropriation for repairs slightly. The house at Dunhamtown will need repairing quite extensively soon, as the blackboards and plastering are in very bad condition. It is a query with us whether it is economy to use plaster for ceilings and walls.

West Brick needs a new floor soon, and Little Rest painting on the outside. Tower Hill has been somewhat repaired the past year.

For information on the work done in the schools we refer you to the report of Superintendent Clara W. Jackson.

Respectfully submitted,

R. V. SAWIN,	}	School Committee.
J. R. BROWN,		
O. E. PARKER,		

Report of the Superintendent.

To the School Committee of Brimfield:

My sixth report and the eighth in the superintendency of the town is hereby presented.

Your attention is called to statistics taken from the school registers.

Number of children in the town between five and fifteen years of age, according to the census,	123
Number enrolled in the registers,	145
Number of pupils in the Academy,	70
Per cent. of attendance in the Academy,	98
Per cent. of attendance in the common schools,	91
Expense per pupil for books and supplies,	\$1.22

Brimfield appropriates for school purposes \$13.88 per child. There are 353 towns in the state and 23 in Hampden County. In the table showing *the comparative amount of money appropriated by the different towns for the education of each child between the ages of five and fifteen years*, Brimfield ranked 224th, by the returns of 1897, and 311th, by the returns of 1896. Among the 23 towns of Hampden County, Brimfield ranked 9th by the returns of 1897, and 18th by the returns of 1896. Hull paid the highest amount in the State, \$58.45 per child, and Springfield the highest amount (\$22.29 per child) in the county.

In the graduated tables in which *all the towns of the state are numerically arranged according to the percentage of their taxable property appropriated for the schools*, Brimfield ranked 97th by the returns of 1897, and 183rd by the returns of 1896. Tyngsborough paid the highest percentage \$009.21 (nine mills, twenty-one-hundredths;) Palmer the highest, \$006.42 (six mills forty-two-hundredths,) in the county. Brimfield paid \$004.71 (four mills, seventy-one-hundredths) per child.

In the tables arranged *according to the average attendance of children upon the public schools*, Brimfield ranked 301st in the State, and 19th in Hampden County. Shelburne had the highest attendance in the State and Blandford the highest in the county.

In the tables in which all the towns of the State are *numerically arranged according to the comparative amount appropriated by them for the education of each child included in the average attendance*, Brimfield ranked 144th in the State, 8th in Hampden County. Hull paid the highest amount (\$61.53) per child; Springfield the highest (\$25.48) per child in the county.

Your attention is also called to statistics taken from the tables found in the report of the Board of Education for 1896 and 1897. They are interesting and valuable, showing Brimfield's standing in educational matters when compared with the other towns of the State and with those of Hampden County.

	VALUATION.	NUMBER OF SCHOOLS.	AMOUNT PAID FOR ALL SCHOOL PURPOSES FROM MONEY RAISED BY TAXATION.
Becket,	\$411,016 00	8	\$1692 93
West Stockbridge,	476,141 00	8	4141 04
Berkley,	385,395 00	7	1897 77
Bernardston,	398,946 00	6	2080 48
Erving,	394,443 00	6	2804 73
Blandford,	425,200 00	10	2565 91
Granville,	348,393 00	8	2957 46
Worthington,	313,228 00	8	1320 54
Brimfield,	397,799 00	8	2315 28

These towns are selected because their valuation approximates that of Brimfield. The small towns are taxed heavier for the support of schools in proportion than the large towns. On account of the scattered population, schools must be maintained for a small number of pupils. The expense per pupil in one school in this town is about \$40 per year, in two others the expense is about \$30 per year, and the teaching for the most part

is done by inexperienced teachers who work for small wages. No remedies are suggested, for what remedies can there be?

Much might be said about more regular attendance. However, let the present average be compared with the past and there is reason for congratulation. The attendance at the Center and Tower Hill School is usually good although the primary room has suffered this year on account of the severity of the winter and the prevalence of chicken-pox; East Brimfield, West Brick, Little Rest and West Brimfield Schools have had unusually high averages, which is gratifying to those responsible.

Teacher and pupils are grateful for the repairs at Tower Hill schoolhouse the past summer. Dunhamtown building next needs your attention; part of the plastering has disappeared, the wood-work and blackboards need one or more coats of paint. A cupboard with lock and key should be provided for the books; these are now kept on the shelves exposed to the dust and the free inspection of the pupils. The blackboards at East Brimfield building were blackened a few years ago but as this is the largest school in the town, such repairs are needed oftener.

No startling changes have been made in methods; no new text books have been introduced. Schools attract more attention where there are radical changes than when the work goes on quietly. Modern methods do not develop any smarter or more brilliant pupils than the old methods but the average pupil and the dull pupil are more interested and remain longer in school.

It is hoped there has been improvement. Many teachers' meetings have been held. Much time has been spent in guiding the work of those who have just begun to teach; not normal graduates but those who cannot attend normal schools and yet are anxious to make an attempt. A superintendent's duties are less arduous where the committee engages normal graduates. In towns of this size better and more permanent service can be obtained by training the Academy graduates than by hiring out of town teachers who come here chiefly for experience and leave as soon as a better position is offered.

It has been noted that there have been no radical changes in methods; there has been however an advance in the study of

drawing. The time has hitherto been spent on the study of form alone but it is found that a training of the color sense is desirable for the culture it gives and because such training is needed in many lines of work.

Drawing, form study and color have never been taught in the schools with the expectation of developing artists, but only with the purpose of partly preparing pupils for their life work. The past year special attention has been given to color in the schools where the conditions would admit. Our pupils should be able to recognize and name colors, to match any standard, shade or hue, and to combine those which are harmonious. The painter of your house, the paper hanger, the designer of wall paper and carpets, the clerk in shipping departments, the mariner by the seacoast, the engineer and the switch man, who need to distinguish the colors of signal lights, (or life will be endangered,) milliner, dressmaker, dry-goods merchant, saleswoman, all need such skill.

In the different schools, lessons in color are given by the use of the solar spectrum. The pupils often use color in the lessons, purchasing at their own expense colored pencils or crayon, brushes or water color. Their fall work was to reproduce as well as they could the form and color of leaves, fruit and flowers; this has been excellent training for the eye. The pupils are severe critics of their own studies, detect readily the incorrect use of color, and appreciate artistic reproductions.

Since the best work from the schools has been selected to adorn the walls of the "art gallery" at the library, a worthy incentive has been afforded the pupils in endeavoring to furnish a written paper, a drawing, or a study in color for this collection. The exhibit of the school work at the fair in August furnishes another impetus. Every school is preserving its best work for that exhibition. The public can hardly realize how deeply the young people appreciate their interest in and helpful criticisms of their work.

A list of the books used for reading in the schools is given at the close of this report. This is a fair supply but the pupils could do more reading if they had more books. If by this reading a love

for good literature can be developed, what better use can be made of the money? More books of myths, legends, history, geography, science and nature readers would help the pupils in their studies. You will notice that there are no general readers beyond the third grade. The pupils are more interested in reading a complete story or a poem than in spending the same amount of time on several short scrappy selections.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARA W. JACKSON.

TEACHERS, TERMS AND ATTENDANCE, 1897-98.

SCHOOLS.	SPRING TERM.	SALARY PER WEEK.
1 Centre Grammar,	Margaret Locke,	\$7.50
2 Centre Primary,	Nellie Haley,	7.00
3 East Brimfield,	Minnie Corbin,	7.50
4 West Brick,	Ruth Brown,	6.50
5 Tower Hill,	Addie S. Horton,	7.00
6 Dunhamtown,	Rose Streeter,	7.00
7 Little Rest,	Ida M. Green,	6.00
9 West Brimfield,	Ethel H. Ely,	7.00

SCHOOLS.	FALL TERM.	SALARY PER WEEK.
1 Centre Grammar,	Margaret Locke,	7.50
2 Centre Primary,	Nellie Haley,	7.00
3 East Brimfield,	Minnie Corbin,	7.50
4 West Brick,	Ruth Brown,	7.50
5 Tower Hill,	Addie S. Horton,	7.00
6 Dunhamtown,	Ida M. Davenport,	6.00
7 Little Rest,	Ida M. Green,	6.00
9 West Brimfield, *	Kate Haley,	6.00

		— AVERAGES FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR. —					
		SALARIES.....	NO. ENROLLED..	AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP...	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE...	PER CENT.....	TARDINESSES...
WINTER TERM.							
1	Margaret Locke,	\$8.00	21	16.5	14.9	90	61
2	Nellie Haley,	7.50	21	13.2	11.7	88	42
3	Minnie Corbin,	8.00	41	22.5	20.7	91	72
4	Ida M. Davenport,	6.00	11	7.7	7.1	92	102
5	Addie S. Horton,	7.00	17	16.3	15.6	95	9
6	Kate Haley,	6.00	13	10.6	9.6	90	36
7	Ida M. Green,	6.50	9	7.2	6.8	94	14
9	Jennie S. Pinney,	6.00	12	7.8	7.2	92	14
Total,			145	101.8	93.6	91	350

COURSE OF STUDY IN READING FOR BRIM- FIELD SCHOOLS, 1897.

GRADE I.

Cyr's Primer.
Normal Primer.
Barnes' Primer.
Riverside Primer.
Stickney's Primer.
Thompson's Fables and Rhymes for Beginners.

GRADE II.

Cyr's First Reader.
Barnes' Second Reader.
Harper's Second Reader.
Stepping Stones in Reading.

GRADE III.

Barnes' Second Reader.
Cyr's Second Reader.
Fable and Folk Stories.
Normal Second.
Seaside and Wayside, No. 1.

GRADE IV.

Hans Andersen's Fairy Tales.
Primary Geography, *A. Frye*.
Stories of Great Americans for Little Americans, *Edward Eggleston*.
Seaside and Wayside, No. 11, *J. M. Wright*.
Seven Little Sisters, *Jane Andrews*.
Black Beauty.

GRADE V.

Hiawatha, *H. W. Longfellow*.
Geography, *A. Frye*.
Each and All, *Jane Andrews*.
Stories Mother Nature told her Children, *Jane Andrews*.
Seaside and Wayside, *J. M. Wright*.

GRADE VI.

Hiawatha, *H. W. Longfellow*.
 Geographies, *A. Frye*.
 Geographical Readers, *Fanny E. Coe*.

GRADE VII.

Beginners' Histories, *Edward Eggleston*.
 Seaside and Wayside, III, *J. M. Wright*.
 Geographical Readers, *Fanny E. Coe*.

GRADE VIII.

Courtship of Miles Standish, *H. W. Longfellow*.
 Evangeline, *H. W. Longfellow*.
 Sharp Eyes, *John Burroughs*.
 Snow-bound, *J. G. Whittier*.

GRADE IX.

Sketch Book, *Washington Irving*.
 Birds and Bees, *John Burroughs*.
 Selections from Bryant's Poems and Prose Work.
 Selections from Holmes' Poems and Prose Work.

A PARTIAL LIST OF BOOKS PURCHASED FOR
THE LIBRARY IN '97 AND '98 AND OF IN-
TEREST TO TEACHERS AND PUPILS.

Rousseau's Emile.
Sully's Studies in Childhood.
Evolution of Dodd.
Century Book of American Revolution.
Century Book of famous Americans.
This Country of ours.
Hall's with Pen and Brush.
King's Methods and Aids in Geography.
Frye's Brooks and Brook Basins.
Talks on writing English.
Story of Washington.
True Story of U. S. Grant.
Animal Sketches.
Martha Washington.
Watch Fires of '76.
Strange Corners of our Country.
Songs and Rhymes for Little Ones.
Little Journeys to the homes of American Authors.
My Studio Neighbors.
Old Virginia and her Neighbors.
Seven Little Sisters.
Each and All.
Stories of our Country.
Stories of our Continent.
Queer Folks.
Girls who became famous.
In Mythland.
Stories and Poems for Children.
Hans Brinker.
New England Boyhood.

Brimfield Public Library.

OSCAR F. BROWN, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH PUBLIC LIBRARY.

1897.	DR.	
Sept. 11.	To received of M. Anna Tarbell, for books and binding books,	\$ 3 31
Dec. 14.	To received of Ralph W. Ellis, trustee on account of U. J. Shaw fund,	12 50
1898.		
Feb. 24.	To received of Palmer Savings Bank, interest on deposit U. J. Shaw fund,	48 24
Feb. 25.	To received for binding books,	3 00
Feb. 25.	To received of Springfield Institution for Savings, interest on deposit U. J. Shaw fund,	30 60
Feb. 26.	To received of Hampden Savings Bank, interest on deposit U. J. Shaw fund,	30 74
Feb. 28.	To received of Springfield Five Cent Savings Bank, interest on deposit U. J. Shaw fund,	30 60
March 7.	To received of Town of Brimfield, appropriation by town (dog fund,)	157 79
	Appropriation for salary of librarian,	68 75
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		\$385 53

1897.	CR.	
May 28.	By paid G. M. Hitchcock, balance due on last year's account,	\$ 9 30
Aug. 24.	By paid express on books,	1 00
Sept. 11.	" M. Anna Tarbell, salary as librarian,	31 25
	Postage paid,	27

Sept. 14.	By paid Henry R. Johnson, bill for books,	70	55
Oct. 20.	" Henry R. Johnson, bill for books,	27	87
Oct. 27.	" Lucy Lowell, bill for books,	33	45
Nov. 5.	" R. J. Kyle, book for library,	2	50
Nov. 17.	" Henry R. Johnson, bill for books,	1	58
Dec. 24.	" Express on paper from Boston,		45
Dec. 28.	" Cash deposited in Springfield Institution for Savings, on account of U. J. Shaw fund,	12	50
1898.			
Jan. 5.	By paid Wm. H. Gyld & Co., bill for magazines,	29	85
Jan. 10.	By paid M. Anna Tarbell, salary as librarian,	25	00
	Cash paid for books,		72
	Postage and supplies,	2	03
Jan. 10.	By paid Carter, Rice & Co., for paper,		90
Jan. 28.	" C. H. Walker, for Rochester lamp,	5	50
Jan. 28.	" Oscar F. Brown, bill for labor and material for lockers,	5	82
March 7.	By paid Henry R. Johnson, bill for books,	76	47
March 7.	" Oscar F. Brown, for account book and postage,		92
	Balance cash in hands of treasurer,	47	60
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			\$385 53

BILLS OUTSTANDING.

Due Springfield Binding Co., binding magazines,	\$40	25
Due M. Anna Tarbell for salary, etc.,	13	62
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		\$53 87

We, having examined the foregoing report, find it correct.

EWD. BLISS,
CHAS. S. TARBELL, } Auditors.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The librarian's report will note progress along lines previously followed, beginnings made along new lines and opportunities for further improvements and development.

THE LIBRARY AND THE SCHOOLS.

The relation between the library and the schools has continued to grow. In the selection of books the needs of the teachers and pupils have been carefully considered. Valuable works upon the principles of teaching as well as books illustrating the subjects taught, have been purchased. When teachers have mentioned books that would aid them in their work the books have been placed in the library. With additional help of this kind the teaching is better and the interest of the pupils is increased. The library has entered directly into the education of the children in another and quite as important way: The pupils have come to the library for books treating of subjects in which they have become interested in school, and have thus begun to form the habit of investigating for themselves. Teachers in the distant parts of the town have carried out many books to their schools and have encouraged the forming of the reading habit among those who do not have the privileges of the library directly accessible. Books relating to American History and to nature study have been especially appreciated by the teachers, who have spoken warmly of the advantages the library affords them in their work. Such books are also called for by the children and it is gratifying to note the character of the reading our schools encourage. It is plain that the library and the instruction in the schools react upon each other to their mutual advantage.

Specimens of drawing, color-work and writing of the pupils of different schools in town have been exhibited for some time in the library. This has added to its attractiveness and stimulated the efforts of the children. It has also shown to the public what the schools are accomplishing in this direction.

THE LIBRARY'S INFLUENCE.

Within the past few years there has been a great development of ideas concerning the work a public library should accomplish. It is held that a library should be an active educational institution, and the central source of cultivation in a community. The success of a library depends upon the selection of books, upon getting the books used, and upon the influence it exerts in other ways. In selecting books the past year it has been possible to put into our library a good proportion of works which tend to enlarge and cultivate the taste and broaden the horizon of readers without being in any sense dull or heavy reading. In regard to extending the use of the library the service of the teachers in transporting books has already been mentioned. The teachers have also carried books to some families in the vicinity of their schools; but books might be carried to many more families.

Two years ago we were fortunate in receiving from the Woman's Education Association of Boston the loan of a set of 26 volumes upon American history. The works were selected with much study to supplement those already contained in our library, treating of four important periods in our national development. This "travelling library" was too valuable an addition to be allowed to depart, and has recently been purchased from the Education Association at a very liberal discount.

Following the purchase of the set of books upon American history, we have received another loan library having Venice for its subject. This is an uncommon acquisition, as in addition to 17 volumes upon Venetian history and art there are 49 large photographs of scenes and paintings in Venice. This is the first travelling library containing photographs that the Woman's Education Association has sent out, and it is the first of its kind in New England. Catalogues for free distribution accompanied the books. The peculiar interest Venice possesses and the attractiveness of its art make the subject a very desirable one, and the books and pictures are being greatly enjoyed and appreciated.

PICTURES.

One of the most important ways in which the influence of the

library may be extended is by means of pictures as well as books. Through reproductions, an interest in works of art may be awakened and some knowledge of them obtained. Besides photographs in portfolios which may be loaned if desirable, there should be reproductions of works of art on the walls of the library. The unconscious influence of these things cannot be estimated. While the children are making their efforts, which must be crude at best, in drawing and painting, they should come under the influence of what is truly good in art. That people want these opportunities is proved by the great interest shown in the photographs of masterpieces of painting as well as in the views of the architecture of Venice. There should also be kept in the library photographs of scenes and houses in town. These have not only a certain artistic value but are important from an historical point of view. Pictures illustrating the studies of the pupils of the town schools and the academy are desirable. We are indebted to George A. Bacon of Springfield for engravings of Webster and Clay which have been hung in the library and which are in keeping with the generous proportion of works upon American history and biography it contains.

GIFTS OF BOOKS AND HISTORICAL MATTER.

The library has received from Robert C. Winthrop, Jr., of Boston, seven volumes consisting of the life of John Winthrop, addresses and speeches of Robert C. Winthrop, and a memoir of Robert C. Winthrop. Other donors of books to the circulating department are Mrs. W. K. Pierce, Celia B. Whitehead of New York, and the Woman's Education Association.

In response to the request for ancient books such volumes have been received from Mrs. Edward Hitchcock, Miss Anna Cutler, Mrs. Stanton, and Miss Alice Spring. Among the old books contributed the ancient text books are especially interesting. They are: The Art of Reading, Columbian Class Book, National Preceptor, Murray's Reader, Scott's Lessons, Catechism of Astronomy and Conversations on Natural Philosophy. The oldest book presented recently is a volume of

sermons published in 1794. The library will welcome more old books which are more likely to be preserved there than in the attics of the town. Old records are also requested. The librarian has been able to contribute some historical sketches, among which the account of "The Old Corner Store" was made possible by the discovery of ancient accounts.

IMPROVEMENTS.

The librarian has greatly appreciated the change made by the town in regard to the care of the library room the past year. Recent improvements made by the trustees consist of provision for the better lighting of the room and for different shelving of the reference books. The plan of printing with this report a list of books added to the library since the last catalogue was published, has been adopted this year, and it is hoped that this will increase the interest in the library and the circulation of books. There are still ways in which the library may be of greater advantage, some of which have been already mentioned. It is especially to be desired that books reach more families out of the village by such means of transportation as may be possible. Improvements cost something, but they are worth all they cost. During the past year the available funds have all been needed and expended with careful economy. As liberal an appropriation will be needed for the coming year.

There have been added to the circulating department 235 volumes of which 19 have been donated. Forty-two books of reference have been received from the State and national governments. The Outlook has been added to the periodicals subscribed for, and McClure's magazine and the Spirit of '76 have been substituted for Lippincott's magazine. 343 persons have taken books and 3620 books and 800 magazines have been circulated.

IN MEMORIAM.

The sense of a great loss has pervaded the library throughout the year by reason of the death of the chairman of the trustees, Rev. Webster K. Pierce. In his death the library and the community mourn the loss of a man of unusual intellectual gifts and marked literary tastes. Yet it is not only the value of his judg-

ment concerning books and his deep interest in the library that we think of, it is still more his spirit—his relation to the highest culture which includes the moral and spiritual as well as the intellectual. He loved books as few people love them, while he, himself, like the noblest in literature, was a teacher and interpreter. As his memory hallows and beautifies our room, it is good to recall how much our little library was to him and how he cherished its treasures.

M. ANNA TARBELL, Librarian.

Books added to the Library since the last Catalogue was published.

PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION.

ABBOTT, LYMAN.	In aid of faith,	2980
BEECHER, HENRY WARD.	Lecture room talks,	4388
BROOKS, PHILLIPS.	Sermons,	2983
	Curiosities of the Bible,	3029
DRUMMOND, HENRY.	Ascent of Man,	2651
	Natural law in the spiritual world,	4082
GIEKIE, CUNNINGHAM.	Life and words of Christ,	2916
GORDON, GEORGE A.	The Christ of to-day,	4174
LEE, GERALD S.	The shadow Christ,	4253
MOULTON, RICHARD G.	The Bible as literature,	4234
PALEY, WILLIAM.	Natural theology,	3035
SAYCE, ARCHIBALD H.	Fresh lights from ancient monuments,	4121
TALMAGE, T. DEWITT.	Pathway of life,	2971
WATSON, JOHN.	The mind of the Master,	4373

SOCIOLOGY—EDUCATION.

ALGER, ABBY L.	In Indian tents,	4365
BOOTH, WILLIAM.	In darkest England,	3009
BROWN, ANNA R.	What is worth while,	4122
BROWN, JAMES S.	Partisan politics,	4374
BURTON, WARREN E.	The district school as it was,	4378
CALL, ANNIE P.	As a matter of course,	4074
	Power through repose,	4075
CHESTER, ELIZA.	Girls and women,	4045
DODGE, MARY M.	A new baby world,	4354
EARLE, ALICE M.	China collecting in America,	4102

FROEBEL, F.	Education of man,	4076
GLADDEN, WASHINGTON.	Burning questions,	2655
HARRISON, BENJAMIN.	This country of ours,	4269
HARRISON, ELIZABETH.	Study of child-nature,	3002
HENDERSON, C. R.	The social spirit in America,	4301
KING, WILLIAM C. <i>ed.</i>	The world's progress,	4255
	Portraits and principals,	3030
KING, CHARLES F.	Methods and aids in Geography,	4399
LEWIS, ELEANOR.	Famous pets of famous people,	4222
MABIE, HAMILTON W.	Essays on nature and culture,	4289
MARTINEAU, HARRIET.	Household education,	4046
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PALMER, GEO. H.	Self-cultivation in English,	4361
POULLSSON, EMILIE.	Finger plays and nursery songs,	4154
	In the child's world,	4139
	Report of the Mass. board of World's Fair	
	Managers,	2930
RIIS, JACOB A.	How the other half lives,	4110
ROUSSEAU, JEAN J.	Emile,	4166
SMITH, WILLIAM H.	Evolution of "Dodd"	4282
STONE, EBENEZER.	Militia laws of Massachusetts 1851,	3037
STOWE, <i>Mrs.</i> HARRIET B.	House and home papers,	4041
SULLY, JAMES.	Studies of childhood,	4159
WHITEHEAD, CELIA B.	What's the matter?	4390
WHITE, EMERSON.	Elements of Pedagogy,	3000
WIGGIN, KATE D.	} Froebel's gifts,	3003
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SMITH, NORA A.	} The story in early education,	4138
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SCIENCE—NATURE STUDY.

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APGAR, AUSTIN C.	Trees of the northern United States,	3072
BAMFORD, MARY E.	Look-about club,	4229
	Second year of look-about club,	4230
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	Up and down the brooks,	3069

BUCKLEY, ARABELLA B.	Winners in life's race,	4098
BURROUGHS, JOHN.	Fresh fields,	3067
	Riverby,	2945
	Signs and seasons,	2919
	Wake Robin,	2920
CHAMBERS, GEORGE F.	Story of the Stars,	4149
CHAPMAN, FRANK M.	Handbook of birds of Eastern North America,	3078
DANA, <i>Mrs.</i> WILLIAM S.	How to know the wild flowers,	3077
FRYE, ALEXANDER E.	Brooks and brook basins,	4170
GIBSON, WILLIAM H.	My studio neighbors,	4307
	Sharp eyes,	3075
GRINDON, LEO. H.	Phenomena of plant life,	4359
MATHEWS, F. SCHUYLER.	Familiar trees and their leaves,	3076
MERRIAM, FLORENCE.	A birding on a bronco,	4177
MILLER, OLIVE T.	Birds ways,	3073
	Four-handed folk,	3074
MORGAN, C. LLOYD.	Animal sketches,	4299
SCRIPTURE, E. W.	Thinking, feeling, doing,	2961
SCUDDER, SAMUEL H.	Frail children of the air,	3071
SHALER, NATHANIEL S.	Story of a continent,	4171
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WINCHELL, ALEXANDER.	Walks and talks in the geological field,	4101
WRIGHT, MABEL O.	Birdcraft,	3001
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WRIGHT, G. F.	Man and the glacial period,	4096
YOUNG, CHARLES A.	The sun,	4095

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CROZIER AND HENDERSON.	How the farm pays,	4357
FIELD, THOMAS W.	Pear culture,	4358

FLINT, CHARLES L.	Milch cows and dairy farming,	4392
SWIFT, R. B.	Who invented the reaper?	4313
WRIGHT, CARROLL D.	Industrial evolution of the United States,	2960

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BEARD, DANIEL C.	American boy's handy book,	4065
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BELLAMY, WILLIAM.	Century of charades,	4012
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GOODYEAR, WILLIAM.	Roman and Mediaeval art,	2992
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HALL, JAMES.	With brush and pen,	4356
HAMERTON, PHILIP G.	Graphic arts,	4073
HURLL, ESTELLE.	Madonna in art,	4395
	Child life in art,	4385
KNOWLTON, HELEN M.	Hints in drawing and painting,	4047
PATER, WALTER.	Renaissance,	4129
SHEDD, JULIA A.	Famous paintings and painters,	4033
TAINE, H. A.	Lectures on art,	4125

LITERATURE.

ARNOLD, MATTHEW.	Poems,	4083
BATES, ARLO.	Talks on writing English,	4172
BECKWITH, M. HELEN.	In mythland,	4257
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BEERS, HENRY A.	Studies in American letters,	2957
BROWNING, ROBERT.	Poems,	4112
BURROUGHS, JOHN.	Indoor studies,	3068
CARLYLE, THOMAS.	Sartor Resartus.	2994
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CORSON, HIRAM.	Aims of literary study,	4080
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	At the beautiful gate,	2982
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